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Rain fury causes massive damage in Kerala's Idukki

Water level in Mullaperiyar dam rises overnight, prompting T.N. to open all 13 shutters; flash floods and landslips were reported at many places; rescue operations save people trapped inside houses

Sandeep Vellaram
IDUKKI

The high-range villages of Kerala's Idukki district witnessed extremely heavy rainfall on Friday night and Saturday morning, causing widespread damage. The water level rose by nearly six feet in the Mullaperiyar dam in 24 hours, prompting Tamil Nadu to open all 13 spillway shutters.

The rain, which began on Friday night, caused flash floods, landslips, and mudslides in Kumily, Chakkupallam, Vandanmedu, Karunapuram, and Nedumkandam panchayats, as well as the Kattappana municipality.

Heavy rain flooded many shops and houses in the district, including in Cumbummettu, Balagram, Thookkupalam, Kumily, Balanpillai City, and Koottar. A reported landslip at Puttady, near Puliyanmala, disrupted traffic along the Kumily-Munnar route. Widespread damage was also reported from Kunthalampara, near Kattappana, following another landslip.

Rain fury: A vehicle being washed away after water level rose in the Koottar river. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

On Friday night, the Kottarakkara-Dindigul National Highway was inundated at Kumily. A four-member family trapped in a waterlogged house at Kumily was rescued after significant efforts. At Mundiyeruma in Nedumkandam, local residents rescued another family trapped in a waterlogged house.

Five vehicles, including one that was parked, were washed away at Koottar, near Nedumkandam, after the water level rose in the Koottar river. A bridge was also damaged in the area.

Brimming water levels

The water level in the Mullaperiyar dam, which stood at 132.9 ft at 11 p.m. on Friday, rose to 136 ft by 3 a.m. on Saturday. It further increased to 137.7 ft at 7 a.m. Tamil Nadu opened all 13 spillway shutters of the dam, releasing 7,305 cusecs into the Periyar river. The water level in the dam was 138.9 ft at 5 p.m.

The water level in the Idukki reservoir on Saturday morning stood at 2,381.82 ft. The upper rule level is 2,398.96 ft. The shutters of the Kallar, Pambla, and Kallarkutty dams were also opened.

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Motorcycles, cars, TVs have seen price drop, says Nirmala

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Two-wheelers, four-wheelers, and consumer durable items, including television sets, are among the 54 items of daily use where manufacturers have passed on the benefit of GST (Goods and Services Tax) cuts, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Saturday.

"Since September 22, we have been getting information from zonal teams on all items, of which we have been monitoring 54 items where we wanted to ensure that the tax benefit is reaching the consumer. Not even in one item has the tax benefit not been passed to the consumer," Ms. Sitharaman said at a press conference on the 'GST *Bachat Utsav*' (savings festival).

Three-wheeler despatches grew by 5.5% to 84,000 units from 79,000 units, year-on-year. Two-wheeler sales increased by 21.60 lakh units, with Hero MotoCorp Limited reporting the highest monthly sales. Passenger vehicle despatches touched 3.72 lakh units in September, and tractor sales more than doubled, she said.

Nirmala Sitharaman

Effective September 22, the government simplified the GST regime, reducing the four existing tax slabs – 5%, 12%, 18%, and 28% – to two main slabs of 5% and 18%, with a special 40% rate for certain goods.

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DKS: Will not succumb to threats

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

While the Karnataka State Contractors' Association on Friday set a month's deadline for the State government to settle their pending bills of about ₹33,000 crore, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Saturday asserted that there was no succumbing to "threats".

The association had warned that it would release a "corruption report card" on the State government in December if the pending bills of the past two years was not cleared.

Speaking after holding a meeting with contractors on Saturday, Mr. Shivakumar said while he understood their pain, the contractors could not indulge in threats and blackmail.

He said that he was planning to put a new system in place to resolve the issue, but didn't elaborate.

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Light mosaic

People light earthen lamps, along the Kartavya Path, as laser show lights up the sky during 'Delhi Deepotsav' event, at the India Gate, in New Delhi on Saturday. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

Order issued on regulating activities of private entities on public land

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka government on Saturday issued an order for regulating the activities of private organisations/societies/trusts/clubs or any other entity that is registered/unregistered using the State government properties and premises, playgrounds, parks, roads and waterbodies or any other immovable property.

Earlier in the week, the State Cabinet had decided on taking measures to prevent trespassing of public properties by private organisations.

It came days after IT-BT Minister Priyank Kharge's letter to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah seeking a ban on activities of organisations such as the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) on public properties like government schools, colleges, etc.

The government order is aimed at "the preservation, protection and proper utilisation of government properties and premises, playgrounds, and public assets."

It is feasible to regulate the usage and maintenance of government properties and premises with prior approval and orders of the competent authority, the order states.

Three days ahead

The order said that an applicant should seek permission for an event in writing three days before the programme, from the jurisdictional Deputy Commissioner and the Commissioner of Police.

The competent authority would verify the application with other related departments and, if necessary, ask the applicant to obtain a no-objection from the local authorities and other departments.

Clearance

The authorities need to clear the application at least a day prior to the intended programme by issuing a written order.

The Deputy Commissioner and the Commissioner of Police would take legal action against the unpermitted usage and illegal occupation/encroachment of government properties and premises to ensure public safety and preservation of government properties.

The order states that the Karnataka Police Act, 1963, provides provisions for regulating traffic and for preservation of order in public places.

It says the permission is required for taking out a rally/procession or for a congregation of more than 10 people who are accompanied by music or any other common object and passing through a government property, except for marriage and funeral gatherings.

Compensating for loss

The applicant and the persons associated with organising the event are liable to compensate for any loss or damage to public, government, or private properties.

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On a coracle and a prayer: Attending school is an ordeal

Sathish G.T.
BENTODI (SHIVAMOGGA)

The recent death of a 20-year-old after a fibre coracle capsized in the backwaters of Chakra dam near Kattinahole village in Sampekatte (Hosur) gram panchayat, Hosanagara taluk of Shivamogga district in Karnataka, highlights the difficulties faced by the residents of Bentodi village, surrounded by backwaters.

Last month, Poornesh, a resident of Kattinahole, was among three persons who were on the way to Bentoti by crossing the backwaters propelling a coracle. At one point, they lost balance and fell off the coracle, according to the local people.

Children of Bentodi village cross the backwaters by coracle every day to reach their schools at Kattinahole and Sampekatte.

Poornesh went missing while two others survived. His body was retrieved from the waters the next day with the help of expert swimmers from Udupi. His elderly parents - Manjula and Krishnappa, who work as agricultural labourers - lost their only son in the tragedy.

A month since, little has changed, said a gram panchayat member, and blamed the government of Karnataka for the death, as the incident occurred due to the lack of connectivity to Bentodi hamlet.

"We have been living here for ages. Earlier, when a stream was flowing in between Bentodi and Kattinahole, we had a footbridge to cross. However, in the 1970s, the Chakra dam was built across the stream. During the rainy season, the backwater submerges the road and separates us from the neighbouring villages," says Raju, a resident of Bentodi.

Plight of schoolchildren

The families, belonging to the Adi Karnataka, a Scheduled Caste, have no land in their name. They have cultivated half-an-acre to one-acre pieces of land in the gomala, and they are hoping that the government will grant it to them one day. They work as labourers in farms in the neighbouring villages, crossing the backwater.

Each family has got one coracle, which costs anywhere between ₹12,000 and ₹16,000. Six children – Nireeksha, Deeksha, Manjunath, Sharanya, Nayana and Nandan – cross the backwaters by coracle every day to reach their schools at Kattinahole and Sampekatte.

Ganapathi, a resident of Kattinahole, told *The Hindu,* "The children have learnt to propel a coracle. However, it is scary to see children operate the coracle. For their safety, the government should build a bridge."

D.K. Sathyanarayana Bhat, a member of Sampekatte Gram Panchayat, who represents the affected village, said that he had submitted appeals to officials and elected representatives multiple times.

Teachers to continue caste survey till this evening

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Teachers deputed for the ongoing Social and Educational Survey in Karnataka have been asked to continue field work till Sunday evening, after which they will be relieved from survey duties.

As per the earlier schedule, their work was to end on Saturday.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is set to chair a review meeting on the survey on Sunday. While the survey has made substantial progress in rest of Karnataka, it has been tardy in the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) area, barely reaching 40% mark.

Teachers have been instructed to enumerate till 9 p.m. on Sunday in GBA area and cover as much ground as possible. A senior official in GBA told *The Hindu* that officials plan to request the Chief Minister for an extension, as the survey is expected to slow further from October 20, when most teachers return to schools.

The survey process will, however, remain open online till October 30, allowing citizens to complete the self-survey through the designated digital platform.

According to official data, of the total target of 1,48,14,286 households, surveys have been completed in 1,42,74,031 households, covering a population of 5.29 crore, which accounts for 87.32% of the estimated total. However, in the GBA area, survey coverage stood at 39.76%, with 17,84,312 households surveyed out of the total target of 39,82,335.

"While teachers will be relieved by October 19 evening, other enumerators can still go to the field and complete the survey if they have been unable to complete their target," said a top official from the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes Commission.

Golden harvest: Farmers harvest fields of marigold cultivated for the Bathukamma festival on the outskirts of Hyderabad.

Joyful gathering: Decked in finery and bearing baskets of flowers, women gather at the Bhagya Lakshmi Temple near Charminar.

Vibrant blossoms: Bathukammas crafted from layers of flowers are placed on the ground as women perform traditional dances and sing festive songs.

Rhythm of tradition: Young women mark the first day of Bathukamma, dancing to folk songs that celebrate the spirit and identity of Telangana.

A festival woven in flowers

At the start of winter, the women of Telangana celebrate Bathukamma, paying floral tributes to Mother Nature; the festival fills the season with colour, song, and devotion

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As the winter approaches, the women of Telangana pay floral tributes to Mother Nature in a unique way.

Bathukamma is a celebration of the intrinsic bond between earth, water, and humankind. Observed according to the Satavahana calendar, the nine-day festival begins on Bhadrapada Purnima (also known as Mahalaya Amavasya or Pitru Amavasya) and concludes on Durgashtami, typically falling in September or October.

Each day of Bathukamma carries a distinct name and significance – marking stages of devotion, harvest, and togetherness.

More than a festival, Bathukamma stands as a vibrant emblem of Telangana's cultural identity and feminine spirit. Women from all walks of life come together to handcraft stunning floral stacks – intricate arrangements symbolising gratitude and reverence for nature. The air fills with music, rhythmic clapping, and traditional songs, creating a mosaic of joy, unity, and spiritual energy. This year, Telangana witnessed a record-breaking celebration: a 63-foot-tall Bathukamma, crafted with 13 tonnes of flowers, entered the Guinness World Records, becoming a proud symbol of the State's collective devotion and creativity. Women, transcending boundaries of caste, creed, religion, or nationality, gathered in large numbers to mark the occasion with unmatched zeal and enthusiasm.

For farmers, the season brought brisk activity as they supplied vast quantities of marigold, a key flower in Bathukamma arrangements. Yet, with demand soaring beyond supply, artificial flowers also made an appearance.

Bathukamma thus continues to bloom, a living expression of Telangana's reverence for nature, its spirit of community, and its celebration of womanhood.

On the move: A woman transports her intricately arranged Bathukamma in a car through the streets of Kukatpally.

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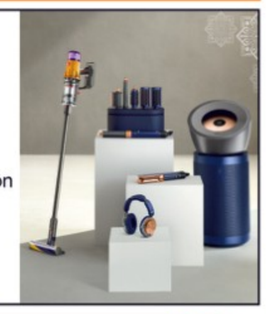

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Final offering: On the last day of the festival, women gather at Hyderabad's Tank to bid farewell to the goddess.

Rainbow circle: Women come together to celebrate the festival with songs, dance, and stacks of flowers.

Floral marvel: On the penultimate day of the festival, a 63-foot-tall floral arrangement made of 10.7 tonnes of flowers stacked in 11 layers was unveiled at Saroornagar Indoor Stadium, setting a Guinness World Record. It took the work of 300 people arranging the flowers over three days.

Building bridges: Against the backdrop of the Telangana Martyrs' Memorial, women share the festival spirit.

Parting petals: Women bring their Bathukammas to Kukatpally Lake in Hyderabad for immersion, marking the festival's closing.

Special trains doubled to clear festival rush

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To manage the surge in passenger traffic during Deepavali and the long weekend, the Bengaluru Division of South Western Railway (SWR) has announced several measures, including running special trains in all directions to ensure safe and comfortable travel for passengers.

The number of special trains operated this festival season has more than doubled compared to last year, according to SWR. Over 95 special trains were operated this year, as against 36 last year. Trains have been operated in all directions, including destinations in Karnataka such as Belagavi, Bidar, Hubballi, Karwar, Mysuru, and Vijayapura. Additional services have also been run towards Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

Twenty trains have been operated to Patna and Danapur, along with several others to Gomtinagar, Lalkuan, Rishikesh, Howrah, Santragachi, Tinsukia, Narangi, Narsapur, Visakhapatnam, Bhubaneswar, and Bilaspur, the release added.

Traffic snarls across Bengaluru as thousands leave city ahead of Deepavali

Anticipating the surge, the Bengaluru Traffic Police have identified six potential congestion hotspots — Goraguntepalya, Hebbal, Majestic, Old Madras Road, Mysuru Road, and Hosur Road. They urged motorists to plan their travel in advance

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Police said traffic jams were reported on October 17 and 18 at the hotspots. K. MURALI KUMAR

Bengaluru witnessed traffic congestion on Friday evening and Saturday as thousands of residents began leaving the city ahead of Deepavali. Major bus terminals, such as the Kempegowda Bus Station (Majestic) and the Mysuru Road Satellite Bus Station, saw huge crowds, with several arterial roads choked for hours.

Anticipating the surge, the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) had issued an advisory identifying six potential congestion hotspots – Goraguntepalya, Hebbal, Majestic, Old Madras Road, Mysuru Road, and Hosur Road – and urged motorists to plan their travel in advance.

A police officer said, "Traffic jams were reported on October 17 and 18 at these identified congestion hotspots. However, we were able to manage the situation with additional personnel. We still urge commuters to plan their travel in advance to avoid delays." According to the BTP, heavy traffic was reported at Majestic and KSR Bengaluru railway station, on Seshadri Road, K.G. Road, and Mysuru Road.

"Thousands of people arrived at the bus and railway stations, causing gridlocks in multiple directions. We have made necessary arrangements and police personnel have also been increased to manage the traffic," said a senior police officer.

The Mysuru Road Satellite Bus Station witnessed chaotic scenes as passengers heading towards Mysuru, Mangaluru, Puttur, Madikeri, Virajpet, and parts of Tamil Nadu and Kerala struggled to board buses. The heavy rush resulted in severe congestion on Mysuru Road, K.R. Market Road, Chord Road, and the Outer Ring Road, police officials added.

Passengers at Majestic complained about the shortage of KSRTC buses.

"I have been waiting since 4 p.m. for a bus to Hospet, but every bus is packed. No seat is available. I even checked private buses, but they are charging double the regular fare. While the regular is ₹900, they are demanding ₹2,000 per seat," said Ravi K., a passenger at Majestic. "I have now cancelled my trip, and am heading back home," he added.

However, KSRTC officials said that the corporation is operating 2,500 additional buses from Bengaluru between October 17 and 20 for the Deepavali rush, with return services scheduled from October 22 to 26. "All necessary arrangements have been made to operate these special services," an official said.

Meanwhile, passengers also complained of a shortage of BMTC buses, as few were allocated to intercity routes to manage the festival rush. However, BMTC officials stated that there were no major issues in operations, as additional buses had been deployed to handle the demand.

Traffic chaos was reported at K.R. Market as thousands thronged the area for last-minute Deepavali shopping.

"It took me nearly two hours to cross the stretch between Town Hall and Mysuru Road flyover," said Ramesh Gowda, a commuter from Shanthinagar. "Two-wheelers, autos, and cars were all stuck bumper-to-bumper. Even pedestrians found it hard to move because of the crowd," he added.

Traffic snarls were also reported on Tumakuru Road, at Jalahalli, 8th Mile, Goraguntepalya, Hebbal, Hosur Road, Koramangala, Outer Ring Road, Yeshwantpur, Rajajinagar, and in the (CBD).

Saleem visits ORR junctions to plan traffic decongestion

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M.A. Saleem

M.A. Saleem, Director General and Inspector General of Police, Karnataka, visited key junctions on the ORR–including Iblur, Bellandur, Devarabeesanahalli, Marathahalli, and K.R. Puram along with traffic officers to strategise traffic decongestion and the deployment of additional personnel.

In a post on X, he said, "Hope to improve traffic situation in the coming weeks.

Student found dead

The Hindu Bureau
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A 19-year-old BBA student was found dead on Friday.

Based on a complaint filed by Abdul Nazeer, a civil contractor at Virajpet in Kodagu district, the Bagaluru police have registered a case of abetment to suicide against the deceased's college senior, identified as Refaas, a native of Thrissur, Kerala.

According to the complaint, the deceased, Sana Parveen, was a second year BBA student at a private college, staying in a rented accommodation with her friend.

Sana had complained to her parents about Refaas, who had passed out of the college, but reportedly continued to harass her. Her parents complained to the college faculty members, who reportedly summoned Refaas and advised him to stay away from Sana. Despite this, the harassment continued, which led her to take the extreme step, Mr. Nazeer alleged in his complaint.

In another incident, a 20-year-old boy from Puttur, Dakshina Kannada district, was found dead under mysterious circumstances in a room of a lodge at Madiwala on Friday.

According to police, the deceased, identified as Thakshith, had checked in to the lodge on October 9.On Friday, the hotel staff went to check on him but found Thakshith's room locked from inside. As he did not respond despite repeated knockings on his door, the hotel staff broke it open and found him dead. The police reached the spot and shifted the body for post-mortem.

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Details of the bid may be seen at e-procurement portal i.e. www.assamtenders.gov.in and also in the office of the undersigned during office hours from 17-10-2025 (1100 hours) to 10-11-2025 (1400 hours). The bidders must be enrolled in www.assamtenders.gov.in

Sl. No.	Name of work	Approx. cost (in lakh)	Time of completion (in month)	Tender fee	Bid security for general	Bid security for reserved category
1	Construction of school building for upgradation from secondary to higher secondary (Arts & Science) under Samagra Shiksha, Assam at Sitajakhala High School under Mayong block in Morigaon district	200.00	8	4000	400000	200000

Note:

1. Online mode of submission for both technical and financial bid is mandatory.
2. A hard copy of the technical bid submitted online is also to be submitted at the office of the undersigned on or before 10-11-2025 up to 1400 hours for evaluation purpose. For any discrepancy between the online bid and the hard copy of the bid, the online bid will govern and will be considered for evaluation.
3. Along-with the hard copy of the technical bid, the following documents must also be submitted on or before 10-11-2025 up to 1400 hrs :-
   a. Original Power of Attorney for signing the bid, if any.
   b. Copy of bid security/ EMD submitted online at www.assamtenders.gov.in.
   c. Copy of tender fee submitted online at www.assamtenders.gov.in.
4. Bidders are advised to scan their **original** technical papers at a resolution of 100 dpi (**in colour mode only**) in ".pdf" format for multiple pages with maximum file size of 25 MB. **Bad quality scanned documents which are not readable will not be accepted for evaluation.**
5. In the event of date of bid opening being a holiday, the activities will take place on the next working day.
6. All the interested bidders are requested to read the bid document carefully before submission of their bid.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sl. No.	Schedule	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
1	Publishing Date	17-10-2025	0900	10-11-2025	1400
2	Tender Download	17-10-2025	1000	10-11-2025	1400
3	Pre bid meeting	24-10-2025	1500	-	-
4	Bid Submission Date	17-10-2025	1030	10-11-2025	1400
5	Technical Bid Opening Date (Cover-1)	10-11-2025	1500	-	-
6	Financial Bid Opening Date (Cover-2)	Will be intimated later			

Sd/-Mission Director,
Samagra Shiksha Axom
Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

DIPR /CF/ HIND/ 2313/18-Oct-25

FORM No.14
[See Regulation 33(2)

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2) Government of India Ministry of Finance Department of Financial Services, Debt Recovery Tribunal-II, Karnataka (Bengaluru) 4th FLOOR, TELEPHONE HOUSE RAJBHAVAN ROAD, BANGALORE-560001

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961

RC/32/2024 IN OA NO. 1057/2021

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK
Versus
SRI. KRISHNA. C

TO
(CH) PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK ELECTRONIC CITY BRANCH. BANGALORE-560001 KARNATAKA.
.....CERTIFICATE HOLDER

VS

(CD) SRI. KRISHNA. C S/O. CHOWDAIAH. NO. 256/2C, 27TH CROSS. RAGHAVENDRA LAYOUT, HULIMAVU, B. G. ROAD, BANGALORE-560076, KARNATAKA.
.....CERTIFICATE DEBTOR

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT-II) in **OA/1057/2021** an amount of **Rs.5170535 (Rupees Fifty One Lakhs Seventy Thousands Five Hundred Thirty Five Only)** along with pendentellite and future interest @ 9.40% Compound Interest Monthly w.e.f. **02/09/2021** till realization and costs of **Rs 54005 (Rupees Fifty Four Thousands Five Only)** has become due against you.

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to

(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: **19/03/2024**

Note:

Attention is invited to Rule 16 to the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993(Amended from time to time) which is reproduced as under: "Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the debts recovery officer nor shall be any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

2. Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter or any debt, divided or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.

3. You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 years.

Revovery Officer
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
BANGALORE (DRT 2).

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/EPC/146/2025
Dated : 09-10-2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Agreement for Construction of New Broad Gauge Line Between Chainage 30/500 & Chainage 84/000 including Railway Electrification, Civil Works, Signal & Telecommunication works and Electrical General Services Between Koratagere (Excl.) and Madakasira (Excl.) Stations in Tumakuru-Rayadurga New BG Line Project. **(Tender Ref. No. TK-RDG-EPC-05)**	Rs. 992,49,38,175/-

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 15:00 Hrs on 25-11-2025

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Deputy Chief Engineer/Construction/ Works/Bengaluru Cantonment
PUB/553/AAS/PRB/SWR/2025-26

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client intends to purchase residentially converted land bearing **Sy.No.2,** VP Katha No.1793/2, PID No.150200400200820698, measuring **2 Acres 16 Guntas,** converted vide Official Memorandum dated 2/2/2022 bearing No.292361, situated at **Chikkagubbi Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore** and bounded on the :

East by : Sy.No.3 and 4;
West by : Sy.No.1 and 90;
North by : Sy.No.5;
South by : Sy.No.3 and 12;

from its owner **Mr.Chennakeshavaiah son of Late Doddamunithayappa** Persons having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within **15 days** from the date of this publication, to the undersigned.

Prashanth Vijayalakshmi & Associates, Advocates,
No.162, 1st Floor, Above Venkateshwara Mobile Store, Next Kanthi Sweets, 2nd Main Kasturinagar, Bangalore-560043.
Email : prashanthviji.adv@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that my client has negotiated to purchase the Schedule property, from its lawful owner **Sri.Somanna S/o Late, Subbappa,** aged about 71 years, R/at No.3, C-2 Block, 8th 'E' Main Road, Jayanagar Police Quarters, Jayanagar 4th Block, Bangalore- 560 041. Any person /institutions claiming to have any right, title, charge, lien or minor claims whatsoever over the schedule property may lodge his/her/their/its claim to the undersigned with documentary proof within **Fifteen (15) days** of this publication failing which it will be presumed that there are no objections or claims or disputes in respect of the schedule property and my client shall proceed to get the schedule property conveyed in their favour. No claims shall be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing **Site No. 52,** formed out of Survey No.109, Kengeri T.M.C Khatha No.3099, New Site No.109/52, situated at **Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore,** Conversion Order No. BDS/SR(S)KT/30/1999-2000, Dated: 28.09.1999.
Measuring
East to West : 83.6+50 / 2 feet
North to South : 40 feet
Totally measuring : 2670 square feet
And bounded on:
East by : Private property, West by : Road, North by : Site No.53, South by : Road

Manjunath K.V. & Associates, Advocates, No.3/1(Old NO.359), 1st Floor, 14th Cross, 4th Main, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore -560 080, Mob: 9686069328. Mail Id:- lexaxis@gmail.com

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Procurement (IREPS)
Tender Notice No: HE-17-2025-26

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Sl.No.	Name of work	Approx. Value
1	Electrical arrangements to Proposed repairs / reconstruction of pit lines at Vasco-Da-Gama Coaching Depot.	Rs. 58,52,404.64
2	Electrical arrangements to Provision of Mini IPS system to avoid blanking of signals in the face of approaching train at 22 LC gates and RTU for 21 LC gates over Hubballi Division.	Rs. 22,32,339.60
3	Improvements to High Mast installations at various stations under Hubballi division.	Rs. 49,00,529.80
4	Improvement to HT switchgear system at Coaching yard, CRH and main power house substations at Hubballi station.	Rs. 50,56,818.12

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 12.11.2025

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/General/ Hubballi
PUB/566/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2025-26

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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

ई–निविदा आमन्त्रण सूचना

मंडल रेल प्रबन्धक, इंजीनियरिंग, उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे, जोधपुर द्वारा भारत के राष्ट्रपति के लिये एवं उनकी ओर से ई–निविदा के माध्यम से प्रचलित नियमो के अन्तर्गत निर्धारित प्रपत्रो में निविदा निम्न कार्यों के लिए क्रमानुसार आमंत्रित की जाती है– **ई–निविदा सूचना सं० 2025–26** : 119of 2025-26 **कार्य का नाम व स्थान** : Construction of Road under Bridge subway (1x6x4.0mt.) in lieu of manned LC No.125 at KM 561/8-9 and LC no. 130 at KM 566/7-8 on MTD-JU section **अनुमानित लागत रूपये** : 6,75,42,779.89 **बयाने की राशि रूपये**: 4,87,700.00 **ई–निविदा सूचना सं० 2025–26** : 122of 2025-26 **कार्य का नाम व स्थान** : Replacement of steel girder of size 1x9.15 M by LHS Box Segments (Twin Box) of size 2X5.0MX2.75 M at RUB (Br No. 2A) at Km 1/2-3 in RKB - JSM Section of Aden/JSM of Jodhpur Division **अनुमानित लागत रूपये** : 2,23,31,054.78 **बयाने की राशि रूपये**: 2,61,700.00 निविदा सूचना संख्या 119of2025-26 & 122of2025-26 निविदा प्रस्तुत करने की तिथि 04.11.2025 & 10.11.2025 को 15:00 बजे तक है। वेबसाईट का विवरण जहाँ पर ई–निविदा देखी व भरी जा सकती है – www.ireps.gov.in

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **1) Mr.Shyam Sundar** Sonone S/o Late.P Mothilal Sonone and **2) Mrs.Rekha Bai** W/o Late.P. Mothilal Sonone both are intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **Mrs.K.K.Rathnamma** W/o Mr.H.K.Prakash ; any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof on or before **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our clients shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable Residential Property bearing vacant **Site No.11,** BBMP e-PID No.7801116602, Property/ Assessment No.15/1, situated at **CHIKKANNA LAYOUT, Hennur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore,** Measuring East to West 40 Feet, North to South on the Eastern Side 45 Feet and on the Western Side 35 Feet, totally Measuring **1600 Square Feet,** Presently coming under the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Ward No.24, together with all appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the:

East by : Site No.12, West by : 20 Feet Road, North by : Private Property, South by : 20 Feet Road

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Website: www.municipaladmn.gov.in

No: 1802916 DMA/TECH/MGNV/31/2025 **Dated: 18.10.2025**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Tenders are invited in KPP Portal for Infrastructure Development works under Mahatma Gandhi Nagara Vikasa Yojana (Phase-2) Scheme as per UIDF guidelines in Mangaluru, Mysuru and Tumakuru City Corporation limits. The details are as follows.

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sl. No	Work Indent No.	Project cost (Rs. In Lakhs)
1.	DMA/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT42312/CALL-2 ಮಂಗಳೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ	4690.00
2.	DMA/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT43683/CALL-2 ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ	4310.00
3.	DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT46667/CALL-2 ತುಮಕೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ	1340.00
4.	DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT46771/CALL-2 ತುಮಕೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ	1585.00

The interested and qualified bidders/agencies are requested to participate within the date indicated in the KPP portal. Any information can be obtained through KPP portal.

Sd/-
Director, Directorate of Municipal Administration, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/3370/NR/2025-26

Office of the District Surgeon, District Hospital
Ramanagara, Bengaluru South District -562159
Phone: **080-29913667,** email: **dsramanagaram@gmail.com**

No.:DHR/PAPER NOTIFICATION/01/2025-26 Date: 17.10.2025

E-Procurement Tender Notification

District Hospital Ramanagara is inviting Re-e-Tender As per KTPP Through www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in from qualified organizations for the Supply of Drug and other material required for the year 2025-26. The details of tender process are given below and for further any details can be contact us during office hours.

E-Tender No.: (DHFWS/2025-26/IND1793/CALL-3

1) Downloading of Tender Documents from online Date : **17.10.2025. 2)** Pre Bid meeting Date: **23.10.2025** Time: **3.00 p.m. 3)** Last date for uploading/applying tender on online Date: **27.10.2025** Time: **4.30 pm 4)** Sample Submission Date: **28.10.2025** 5) Opening of Technical Bid Date: **28.10.2025 6)** Opening of Financial Bid Date: **31.10.2025** Time: **11.00 pm 7)** Approximate Tender value: **Rs. 200.00 Lakhs. 8) EMD** (1.5% Estimate Cost) EMD of Rs.300.00 to be paid for each item for which rate is quoted (Itemwise/asper Tender document).

Sd/- District Surgeon
District Hospital. Ramanagara

DIPR/BSD/403/SA/2025-26

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No: 20/2025/SBC
Dated : 10-10-2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the Supply of following items.

Description in brief : LHB Bogies with 140 KN Bogies with air suspension for conversion of LS2/LS3 type coaches into LS5 type coaches. **(Tender No. L8256546A) (Qty : 02 Set)**

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 10:30 Hrs on 10-11-2025

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Materials Manager Bengaluru
PUB/551/AAS/PRB/SWR/2025-26

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No.: CAO/CN/BNC/148/2025
Dated 13.10.2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Design, Customization, Implementation, Operations & Maintenance support of Integrated Project Management and information system (PMIS) for various projects under South Western Railway. **(Tender Ref. No. PMIS-SWR-01)**	Rs. 6,66,00,380/-

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 25.11.2025

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Dy. Chief Engineer/Construction/ Works/Bengaluru Cantt.
PUB/564/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2025-26

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Government of Karnataka
Office of The District Officer, Backward Classes Welfare Department, Zilla Panchayat Building, Jyothi Nagara, Chikkamagaluru – 577102
e-mail:dobcmchikkamagalore@gmail.com Ph:08262-295922
No.: BCWD/Accounts/CR-7/2025-26 Date: 17.10.2025

e-Tender Notice

Tender is invited through e-procurement from eligible Outsource Firms for availing personnel of Group-D posts like Cooks, Kitchen Helpers and Night Security Guards vacant at Student Hostels and Tribal Ashrama Schools and Data Entry Operator Grade-2 at Taluk level Offices and Teaching/Non Teaching Staff for Morarji Schools functioning in the jurisdiction of Backward Classes Welfare Department, Chikkamagaluru for the year 2025-26 and can participate in the Tender through e-procurement portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Tender information can be obtained in KPP Portal. Last date for submission of Tenders through online: 19.11.2025 up to 5.00 PM. Further information can be obtained from this office during office hours and by logging on to website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- District Officer, Backward Classes Welfare Department, Chikkamagaluru.

DIPR/ckm/No.91/25-26/ksmca/1114

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

Short Term Tender Notification
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Karnataka Housing Board invite tender from the eligible Pre qualified contractors & willing to Pre-qualify in Karnataka Housing Board through Karnataka public procurement portal for below mentioned work.

Last date for submission of bid: 31.10.2025 upto 4.00 PM

Sl.No.	Name of the work
1	Construction of "Prajasoudha" Gadag Taluk Adalitha Kendra at Gadag Taluk, Gadag District. **Work Indent No:** KHB/2025-26/BD/work_indent 656 & IFT No.103/2025-26 Date: 16.10.2025. **Amount put to tender:** Rs.11,94,08,060/-

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru. Telephone No: 080-22273511/080-22100077, Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/3376/AKAR/2025-26

Executive Engineer
Public Works Department
No.1 Building Division, S.J.P. Campus, Bengaluru. Ph: 080-22255210

No. EE/Bld1/AE-4/2025-26/48 Date: 17.10.2025

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

The Executive Engineer, No. 1, Buildings Division, Bengaluru invites Tenders through e-procurement portal of GoK **(http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** from eligible Tenderers for the works mentioned below.

(1) Annual Maintenance of fire fighting works at Karnataka Bhavan-III (Bheema), Ansal Plaza, Hudco Place, Khelgaon Road, New Delhi (from 01.10.2025 to 31.07.2026) Approx. value of work: **Rs. 4.00 lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 4,760/-.** I.No. PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT22935/**CALL-2. (2)** Annual Maintenance of fire fighting works at Karnataka Bhavan-I (Annex), Kautilya Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi (from 01.10.2025 to 31.07.2026) Approx. value of work: **Rs. 4.00 lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 4,760/-.** I.No. PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT22932/**CALL-2. (3)** Annual Maintenance of fire fighting works at Karnataka Bhavan-II (Sharavathi), SP Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi (from 01.10.2025 to 31.07.2026) Approx. value of work: **Rs. 4.00 lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 9,520/-.** I.No. PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT22933/**CALL-2. (4)** Providing and installing of Rosewood special Antique style carving doors at entrance of Vidhana Soudha (East) Gate of ground and first floor. Approx. value of work: **Rs. 241.12 lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 3,61,700/-.** I.No. PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT27682.

Cost of Document for all works: **As in e-portal.** Period of Completion for each work: **6 to10 Months.** Last date for downloading Tender through e-procurement portal and submission through online: **up to 4.30 PM on 23.10.2025 & 03.11.2025 for Sl. No. 4.** Date of opening the Tender: as per e-procurement guidelines. Further information regarding brief details of works, reservation and other details can be obtained from the above office or from e-procurement portal **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

DIPR/DD-C.P/3363/KSMCA/2025-26 **Sd/- Executive Engineer**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client **MOHAMMED RIYAZ** S/o Mohammed Haneef intends to purchase the property mentioned in the schedule hereunder jointly owned by 1]Shaik Anees Ahmed 2]Zaki Ahmed Shaik 3]Shaik Nasira Farheen 4]Shaik Humera Taskeen 5] Rizwana Kouser Shaik 6] Saria Sultana Shaik 7]Shaik Bushra Tasneem No.1 to 7 children of late Shaik Rasheed Ahmed 8]Shaik Anjum Ara D/o. Late. S Ahmed Basha 9]Pavanna Neha Nazia 10]Asfa Qamreen 11]Mohammed Hasim No.9 to 11 legal heirs of Late S Khalid Ahmed, 12]Seema Ahmed 13] Azwa Fathima 14]Mohammed Abubakar No.12 to 14 legal heirs of Late. Masood Ahmed, & 15] S. Mubarak Begum D/o Late Khader Basha, The owners represents that apart from them there are no other person/s having any right or claim over the schedule property and they have not mortgaged, created lien or encumbered the schedule property or part thereof in any manner and have not entered into any agreement of **SALE / DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT/ MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** Etc., with any other person/s. Any person/s or body of persons, banks, financial institutions, **NBFC's** Etc.,having any objection/s or claims, shall with documentary evidence lodge their objection/ claims **within 15 days** from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which, my client shall proceed with the above mentioned transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

Item No-1: **ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY** being portion of the residential property bearing Assessment No-8, situated at Nagavara Main Road, kadugodanahalli, Bangalore North Taluk,now comes under BBMP Limits ward No.23 and is bounded on **EAST by** Property belonging to Late Shafi Ahmed marked as C-5 & Property belonging to Anees Ahmed and Zaki Ahmed & marked as B2, **WEST by** Sy No.8 property belonging to S. Ahmed Basha marked as D2 **NORTH by** Sy No.8 property belonging to S. Ahmed Basha marked as D3 **SOUTH by** Private Property and measuring on the **EAST 63 feet 10 inches WEST 60 feet NORTH 120 feet SOUTH 120 feet.**

Totally measuring 7436.88 Square Feet.

Item No-2: **ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY** being portion of the residential property bearing Assessment No-8, situated at Nagavara Main Road, kadugodanahalli, Bangalore North Taluk , now comes under BBMP Limits ward No.23 and is bounded on **EAST by** Nagavara Main Road,**WEST by** Sy No.8 belonging to late Shafi Ahmed marked as C-4 **NORTH by** Sy No.8 belonging to Ahmed Basha marked as D-4 **SOUTH by** property belonging to Anees Ahmed and Zaki Ahmed marked as B-2 And measuring on the EAST 19 feet 9 inches WEST 19 feet 2 inches NORTH 27 feet 6 inches SOUTH 27 feet Totally measuring **528.5 Square Feet** Item No.1 and 2

Totally measuring 7965.38 Square Feet.

S.B.ABDUR RAHMAN Advocate,
1st Floor, M M Complex-1, No.60 Chickbazaar Road,
Tasker Town, Bangalore-51. Off : 4148 0443 Mob-**98450 83304**

Bangalore Dated: 19.10.2025

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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)

NOTIFICATION

Bengaluru, 08th October 2025

S.O. 4607(E). In the exercise of the powers conferred by clause 7A of section 2 of the Railway Act, 1989 (24 of 1989) the Ministry of Railway (South Western Railway, Construction Organization, Bengaluru Cantonment) hereby authorizes the officer mentioned at column (4) in the table below as 'Competent Authority' to perform the functions as such authority under the said act with effect from date of publication of this notification in the official gazette in respect of Special Railway Projects mentioned at column (2) relating to districts mentioned at column (3) in the table below for Land Acquisition required for the public purpose.

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Sl. No.	Name of the Project	District	Competent Authority
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1.	Construction of Double Line between Ballari - Chikjajur stations (185Km)	Ananthapur	Revenue Divisional Officer, Kalyandurga

No. W.271/CN/BNC/2025-26/Land SRP/1727

Sd/-
(PARDEEP PURI)
Chief Engineer-III/Construction/ Bengaluru Cantonment

PUB/560/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2025-26

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED

(A Govt. of Karnataka Enterprises)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Hemavathy Canal Division, Yediyur - 572 142.
Phone : 73385 90199, E-mail : eeyediyur1@gmail.com

Short Term Tender Notification No. : 12/2025-26 Date : 09-10-2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Two Cover System) (Through KPPP Only)

On the behalf of the **Managing Director, CNNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, CNNL, Hemavathi Canal. Division, Yediyur** the undersigned invites tender on item rate basis from contractors for **04 Works.**

The Maximum Amount Put to Tender is 361.82 Lakhs & Minimum Amount Put to Tender is 37.48 lakhs.

The Time Fixed for Completion the Work is 05 Months. EMD Amount and Processing Fees should be Paid through KPP Portal. The Last Date for Tender Queries / Clarifications is 15-10-2025 upto 5.00 p.m., The Last Date for Receival of Tenders along with EMD's is 21-10-2025 upto 4.00 p.m. Technical Bid will be Opened on 23-10-2025 at 11.00 a.m.

For more information contact : www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Hemavathy Canal Division, C.N.N.L., Yediyur.

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Karnataka gets 422 additional PG medical seats in govt. colleges

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka has been allotted 422 additional post-graduate (PG) medical seats in government medical colleges for the 2025-26 academic year.

"This fulfils a long-pending demand," said Minister for Medical Education Sharan Prakash Patil.

Speaking at a press conference here on Saturday, the Minister shared detailed information about the development and reaffirmed that the government's objective is to ensure high-quality higher education. Dr. Patil said that the increase of 422 seats covers pre-clinical, para-clinical, and clinical disciplines. "PG seats have been sanctioned in over 20 departments, including Pediatrics, Anaesthesiology, Forensic Medicine, and Microbiology," he added.

"As in previous years, there was a strong demand for PG courses this year as well. We had requested approval for 572 seats, of which 422 have been granted. Last year, there were 1,694 PG seats. With this year's addition, the total will rise to 2,116 seats. This is truly a Deepavali gift for students," Dr. Patil stated.

He also noted that the National Medical Commission (NMC) has already approved an increase of 450 undergraduate medical seats in government medical colleges in the State. "For the first time, 15% of seats in government medical colleges will be reserved for Non-Resident Indians," he said.

Three from T.N. held for cheating businessmen by offering fake notes

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Jayanagar Police on Monday busted a currency racket and arrested a gang of three from Tamil Nadu for cheating people by offering fake currency notes.

The accused, identified as Rajeswaran M., 43, Sheikh Mohammed, 40, and Miran Mohiuddin, 37, from Tirunelveli district, were caught red-handed based on a tip-off.

According to the police, on the afternoon of October 13, the Jayanagar Police were informed that some people from a different state had entered the city to exchange ₹30 lakh worth of counterfeit notes in exchange for ₹10 lakh of genuine currency notes .

The police then intercepted a car in which the suspects were waiting for their customer to deliver the consignment. They searched the car and found a suitcase comprising 31 currency notes of ₹500 denomination, while the rest were all pieces of paper cut into the size of currency notes.

The probe revealed that the trio would spread the word that they had fake notes that were close to the originals. They would show real ₹500 notes to their customers, making them believe that they were fake. During the exchange, they would layer the top of the suitcase with the genuine ₹500 currency notes and fill the rest of the bag with white paper pieces, the police said as they explained the modus operandi. The accused would then act rushed to prevent the clients from checking the bag and escape with the cash.

They have been booked under Section 318 (cheating) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and further investigations are on to ascertain the possible involvement of other gang members.

Ex-Armyman injured in LPG cylinder blast

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 64-year-old retired Armyman was critically injured in a fire accident that was caused by an LPG cylinder leak at his residence in Andrahalli, Bengaluru, on Saturday.

The injured, identified as Janardhan K.C., a native of Madikeri, was working at a private company and living alone following the death of his wife.

No ventilation

According to the police, he woke up early and attempted to light the stove to prepare tea when the gas, suspected to have leaked overnight, ignited.

The kitchen reportedly lacked ventilation, which allowed the gas to accumulate, triggering an explosion that left him severely burnt. Neighbours alerted the authorities.

The police said parts of the house were damaged too. Janardhan was shifted to Victoria Hospital.

The Peenya Police have registered a case and are investigating the exact cause of the fire.

Award for Chenni

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Writer Rajendra Chenni has been selected for the Kavyananda Award 2024 for his work '*Samskrutika Rajakiya - Indina Ithihasa.*' The award carries a cash prize of ₹50,000 and a citation.

Primary teachers with degree to be allowed to teach classes 6 and 7

Karnataka State Primary School Teachers' Association, which has welcomed the move, has said that the government has reinstated the rule that existed before 2016-17

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BENGALURU

The government has given 15 days to submit objections and suggestions to the notification. FILE PHOTO

The State government has issued an order giving eligibility to primary school teachers (PSTs) with a graduate degree, currently teaching classes 1 to 5 in government schools in Karnataka, to teach classes 6 and 7. This order will help around 40,000 PSTs across the State.

As per the Gazette Notification issued on October 16, 2025, this applies to primary school teachers, teaching from class 1 to 5, who have a degree in the required subjects and Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) certificate as prescribed in the National Council for Teachers' Education (NCTE) guidelines.

The Karnataka Education Department Services (Department of Public Instructions) (Recruitment) (Amendment) Rules-2025 states that it will be as per the Cadre & Recruitment (C&R) rules in force for the post of Graduate Primary Teachers (GPT). The government has given 15 days to submit objections and suggestions to this notification.

To provide quality education, GPTs are being recruited across the State from the academic year of 2016-17 to teach classes 6 to 8. Before 2016-17, the government had recruited over 1.4 lakh teachers to teach classes 1 to 7. Out of these, eligible graduate teachers were promoted to the post of high school teachers.

But, after the recruitment of GPTs, the C&R rules were amended in 2016-2017 and all teachers who were recruited for classes 1 to 7 before 2017 were demoted and designated as PSTs for classes 1 to 5 only. Among these, over 40,000 had completed graduation, but had not been promoted as GPT since 2016-17. They had been demanding to be promoted as GPTs, making appropriate changes in the C&R rules.

Objections raised

The Karnataka State Primary School Teachers' Association, which has welcomed the government's move, said that the government has reinstated the rule that existed before 2016-17. However, it has objected to making TET certificate mandatory.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Chandrashekara Nuggali, president of the association said, "We welcome the government's move to allow PST teachers with degrees to teach classes 6 and 7, but making TET certificate mandatory is not. Most PSTs with graduate will be deprived from the posts because they do not have TET certificate."

He said that as per the recent Supreme Court verdict, the government has made TET certificate mandatory for teachers recruited before 2016-17.

"We have already filed a review petition in the Supreme Court against this verdict. Therefore, we will also file an objection against this Gazette Notification making TET certificate mandatory," said Mr. Nuggali.

Delay in constructing pedestrian bridge near Challaghatta metro station puts commuters at risk

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The proposed bridge is especially crucial for students from several educational institutions located nearby. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Despite being announced nearly a year ago, the pedestrian bridge proposed by the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) near Challaghatta metro station remains unbuilt, forcing commuters and pedestrians to cross the busy Bengaluru-Mysuru National Highway amid fast-moving traffic. The delay has raised safety concerns among local residents, students, and daily metro users.

In April 2024, BMRCL had unveiled plans to construct a pedestrian bridge across the highway, aimed at easing movement between the two sides and ensuring safer access to the metro station.

The project, which was expected to be completed by September 2024, was intended to serve as a critical link for thousands of people who use the Challaghatta metro station every day. However, there has been no progress on the ground, leaving commuters to navigate the perilous stretch without a safe crossing point.

The Challaghatta metro station sees a daily ridership of nearly 10,000 passengers, with peak-hour congestion further compounding the risk for those attempting to cross the highway.

The proposed bridge is especially crucial for students from several educational institutions located nearby, including Rajarajeshwari Medical College, ACS College of Engineering, Rajarajeshwari Dental College, SDM Institute of Ayurveda and Hospital, and ICFAI Business School.

Commuters safety

Prakash Kumar, a long-time resident of Challaghatta, said the current situation is extremely unsafe. "It's very dangerous to cross the highway near the station. Vehicles move at very high speeds, and there's no signal or safe point for pedestrians. Every day, I see people running across the road, narrowly escaping accidents. It's shocking that a bridge promised months ago has still not been built," he said.

Students, who regularly use the metro station, have also voiced frustration over the delay. Aman Prasad, an engineering student from a nearby college, said the absence of the bridge makes their commute stressful and risky. "Crossing the highway has become a daily struggle. There's heavy traffic at all times. We often have to wait for several minutes to cross the busy highway. A pedestrian bridge or a skywalk would make a huge difference. It would not only save time but also prevent potential accidents," he said.

Pavitra Suresh, a student at another nearby college, said, "During peak hours, it's chaotic. Vehicles don't stop for pedestrians, and the service road is congested. Having a pedestrian bridge would make it much easier and safer for us to reach the metro station. It will also reduce the risk of accidents, especially in the evenings when visibility is low."

Earlier, BMRCL officials had stated that a 100-metre-long footpath would be built along with the bridge to connect the structure directly to the entry point of the metro station. However, there has been no update from the authority on the status of the project.

When contacted, BMRCL officials did not explain the delay or the revised timeline even as commuters continue to risk their lives while crossing the highway with the hope that the long-promised bridge will become a reality before a serious accident occurs.

Ahead of the showers

Heralding rain: Dark clouds cover the sky near the Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Saturday, as many parts of the city received rain. K. MURALI KUMAR

Traffic police introduce e-accident report feature on its ASTraM app

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a move to make accident reporting faster and hassle-free, the Bengaluru City Traffic Police have introduced the E-Accident Report feature on the BTP ASTraM App on Saturday .

This new feature enables motorists to digitally report minor accidents and instantly receive an acknowledgement faster to help them get insurance and damage claims, eliminating the need for in-person visits to traffic police stations.

The initiative reflects BTP's commitment to citizen-first, tech-driven policing for a smarter Bengaluru, Home Minister G Parameshwara, said while receiving 50 bikes from Honda India Foundation for the traffic police to be used as traffic patrolling.

This option is applicable only for minor accidents, and for serious accidents, the app will guide people to call 112

"There are around 150 to 200 acknowledgement for minor accidents sought across the city everyday. The E-accident report will help reduce stress with no station visit or police to visit the spot through few simple steps," a police official said.

Once getting into the e-accident option, people can select the 'report my accident' option, enter the date and time, drop a pin on the map, and a short note about the issue, click the picture of the damaged vehicle to submit, and receive the official acknowledgement. This report has a unique ID and passkey with a QR code and a short link that will enable the insurance companies to check the authenticity of the report. This option is applicable only for minor accidents, and for the injuries and serious accidents, the app will guide people to call 112 to report.

"There will not be any station visit or wait for the police to visit the spot for minor cases thus reduce valuable time, said a police officer adding that this will help faster claim process and less paper work. The time tab and Geo tag report will also improve accuracy and reduce stress for the people," the official added.

'Slower progress in city largely due to its large number of apartments'

Rishita Khanna
BENGALURU

The Commissioners will request the Chief Minister to extend the survey deadline and mention the number of additional days required to complete the survey within GBA limits. K. MURALI KUMAR

SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL SURVEY

While Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is set to hold a review of the ongoing Social and Educational Survey, the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) officials remain worried about the progress in their limits which is under 40% as on Saturday.

The corporation Commissioners and senior officials are scheduled to submit a report to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Sunday, explaining why the completion rate continues to hover around 40%, compared to 90% achieved by other districts. The Commissioners will also be requesting the Chief Minister to extend the survey deadline and will recommend how many additional days may be required to complete the survey within GBA limits, based on the issues hindering the exercise within the city limits.

"Even with continuous monitoring at all levels, completion has reached only 40%. Teachers have been instructed to work until 9 p.m. on Sunday to cover as much as possible. Areas have also been identified where people are not cooperating and are misbehaving with the enumerators," the official said.

The initial deadline for completing the survey was set for October 7. However, recognising the role of teachers, who form the majority of the enumerators, the Karnataka government extended the deadline for them until October 18.

"The slower progress in Bengaluru is largely due to its high concentration of apartment complexes and large residential buildings. In majority of the apartments, our survey teams have not been allowed entry. We are spending hours convincing office-bearers of resident welfare associations (RWAs) who restrict access at the gates. These same residents contact us during floods or other emergencies, but now, during the survey, they are denying us entry," said a GBA official.

The officials are scheduled to submit a report to the Chief Minister on Sunday, explaining why the completion rate continues to hover around 40%, compared to 90% achieved by other districts

Moreover, in areas without electricity meters, unique household IDs (UHIDs) were often generated only when survey teams arrived. However, in apartment complexes and rented accommodations, multiple UHIDs were issued for a single property.

"For example, one for the owner and separate ones for tenants. There is another for a common space, for which rent is paid by the same owner. This goes for commercial spaces too, resulting in figures that appear inflated. These irregularities have made it difficult to obtain a clear picture of the actual number of households and surveys completed," a senior official noted.

Misinformation circulating among residents has added to the challenges. "We received reports of WhatsApp messages instructing people not to share survey details, claiming that the information could be leaked or misused," the official said, adding that public cooperation is the only way for the survey's success.

Data to guide services

One of the commissioners, speaking on the condition of anonymity, pointed out that the last such survey was done in 2017 and data had also been used to plan essential civic services, such as deputing auto-tippers, garbage vehicles, and pourakarmikas to different areas based on waste generation and population.

"Bengaluru's population has grown significantly since 2017, especially in the North and East corporation areas, and we need to update information for such crucial and effective planning. Residents should understand that the survey helps authorities plan resources and services efficiently. Many take to social media to highlight issues but do not cooperate when officials visit them to collect information," he said.

Electrician arrested for murdering wife, staging it as accident

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Hebbagodi police have arrested a 25-year-old man for allegedly killing his wife and staging it as an accidental death. However, his minor step-daughter's statement led the police to suspect foul play, which they later corroborated with the post-mortem, a police official said.

The accused, identified as Prashanth Kumar, an electrician and a resident of Maragondanahalli in Anekal, was arrested on Wednesday. The victim has been identified as Reshma, 32.

According to the police, on October 15, Reshma's daughter from her first marriage found her lying unconscious in the bathroom. She and a few other neighbours took Reshma to the hospital, where the doctors declared her dead. "When the deceased's husband was questioned, he stated that while he was at home, his wife had gone to take a bath. He added that she might have died due to an electric shock through the electric heating rod she placed in the bucket of water," the police said.

Suspecting something fishy, the complainant approached the police and a murder case was registered. During the interrogation, he confessed that he had suspected his wife of having another relationship and, in a fit of rage, assaulted and strangled her. To conceal the crime, the accused had dragged the body to the bathroom and switched on the water heater.

Ready to meet Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw and discuss road conditions, says Shivakumar

The statement comes following a comment by an overseas business visitor to Biocon Park, who expressed concern over the city's infrastructure

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Saturday said he would invite Biocon chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw to discuss the state of Bengaluru's roads, responding to her recent social media posts highlighting citizen-led repair work.

"Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw has not spoken to me yet, but I will invite her for a discussion. Whatever the complaints, let her give them in writing. If she wants to develop roads, we are happy to hand them over for development, let her decide the roads," he said.

The statement comes in the backdrop of a comment by an overseas business visitor to Biocon Park, who expressed concern over the city's infrastructure, including bad roads, and Ms. Shaw's subsequent posts, which drew attention to the fact that residents were forced to undertake road repairs themselves due to slow civic action and civic accountability in Bengaluru. The posts also sparked responses from Karnataka Ministers who defended the work being taken up in the recent days. Speaking at the Walk with Bengaluru programme at K.R. Puram in the East Corporation limits, Mr. Shivakumar said the government had already decentralised civic administration to make it more responsive. "After forming five corporations, we have doubled grants, with ₹10 crore allocated to each corporation and ₹5 crore for committees. People can call 1533 to address their grievances," he said.

D.K. Shivakumar, Deputy Chief Minister, interacting with citizens at Vengaiah Park in T.C. Palya, K.R. Puram, in Bengaluru on Saturday as part of the 'Walk with Bengaluru' programme on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"The East Corporation is the richest corporation. Unlike previous years in BBMP, when its revenue was distributed across the city, all funds generated here will now be utilised exclusively for the development of its 50 wards only under the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA)," he said. Mr. Shivakumar said he and the IT-BT Minister Priyank Kharge would soon hold meetings with major IT-BT companies to hear their concerns on urban governance and infrastructure. "Our work itself is the answer to those who criticise. We focus on what needs to be done and are not bothered by unwarranted criticism," he added. The Deputy Chief Minister added that the city's efforts would focus on easing traffic, expanding CCTV surveillance, and allowing revenue-site owners to obtain A-khata. "All roads under city municipal corporations and panchayats that are not yet notified as government roads will soon be converted into government roads," he said.

He also warned that officials in the GBA caught seeking bribes would be suspended and highlighted that citizen involvement in civic development would be encouraged.

'Tunnel road will be connected to key transport networks'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister Shivakumar said the proposed tunnel road would be connected to key transport networks.

"The area already has a national highway, flyovers and a metro line. We will link the tunnel road to all of these. We may not be able to resolve 100% of grievances, but we are making a sincere attempt," he added.

"The public have offered many suggestions. We will look into all of them soon. The K.R. Pura *Santhe* (fair) is causing traffic congestion, and we will explore the possibility of shifting it elsewhere," he said.

From Page One

Activities of private entities on public land to be regulated

If the organisation violates the government order and conducts the programmes, then such a programme should be considered as unlawful as per the provisions of Bharatiya Nyaya Samhithe, 2023.

The jurisdictional police can also register a case *suo motu* under sections of Bharatiya Nyaya Samhithe, 2023.

The departments would issue detailed guidelines to ensure that the rights of the constitutionally-bound citizens are not compromised in the grant of such permission by the competent authorities, the order states.

I know contractors' pain, but no one can threaten the govt.: DKS

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After meeting representatives of the Karnataka State Contractors' Association and Greater Bengaluru Authority Contractors' Association on Saturday, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar said, "I can understand the pain of contractors, but no one can threaten the government."

Responding to the media, he said, "During the tenure of the BJP government in the State, more work was taken up than the Budget permitted, which has increased the problem. I have cleared as many bills as possible. The contractors here are not the only ones affected, they are spread across the State."

"For instance, in the Irrigation Department, which comes under my portfolio, there is a grant of about ₹200 crore, but pending bills amount to ₹17,000 crore. With just ₹200 crore available, whose bills should be cleared and under which account?" he questioned.

New system

"Small contractors have pending bills ranging from ₹15 lakh to ₹1 crore, while large contractors have dues up to ₹2,000 crore. All of them are exerting immense pressure, so it's impossible to meet everyone's demands. That's why I plan to introduce a new system," he said, without elaborating the system he intended to introduce.

Further he said that the contractors raised the issue of commission. "I told them to file a complaint and that we would conduct an inquiry into it. No one can threaten the government over demands for commission in the release of bills. The contractors are now saying that they did not make any allegations regarding the commission issue," he said.

Contractors' claims

Meanwhile, the Karnataka State Contractors' Association claimed that the Deputy Chief Minister had directed officials to immediately clear bills up to ₹50 lakh in all four corporations under the Water Resources Department.

In a statement, G.M. Ravindra, general secretary of the association, said that the Deputy Chief Minister instructed officials to take prompt action to settle bills up to ₹50 lakh in all four corporations under the Water Resources Department.

On Friday, the association warned that it would release a 'corruption report card' on the State government in December if the pending amount of ₹33,000 crore from the past two years is not cleared within a month.

Man robbed of mobile phone

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A gang of five allegedly robbed a 28-year-old man of a mobile phone in front of gate no. 4 of the Palace Ground on Ballari Road in the wee hours of Friday.

Rajesh Kumar Behara, a resident of Kudlu Gate, went to Tumakuru with his friend on a two-wheeler and was returning home late at night. The police said they stopped the vehicle near Palace Ground around 2.30 a.m. because of a flat tyre. As they were waiting for transport to tow the two-wheeler, the accused approached Behera in an autorikshaw and asked him to help transfer money online and that the amount would be returned in cash. Behera had agreed to help as the accused cited it was for an emergency. When he was transfering the amount, the accused grabbed the phone and fled the spot.

The Sadashivanagar police are investigating.

After repeated civic neglect, Panathur residents pool ₹3 lakh for road repairs

Rishita Khanna
BENGALURU

After repeated requests went unanswered, residents of Railway Parallel Road in Panathur pooled ₹3 lakh to carry out temporary repairs on a heavily flooded stretch.

The residents said they initially approached officials from the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), who shifted responsibility, claiming the road fell under railway jurisdiction and that attempts to get action from railway authorities did not yield results, leaving citizens to address the problem themselves.

The residents told *The Hindu* that their actions followed a recent incident involving a four-year-old boy who fell into an open drainage channel. He escaped without injuries. The residents said such incidents have become increasingly common and highlight the problems they face due to the condition of the road. "The road is filled with deep potholes, and parts of it are often flooded. Exposed sewage lines are an additional hazard. This has made it a difficult and dangerous trip for people who rely on this road for their daily commute to the IT corridor. According to GBA officials, while they consider the road to be the Railway Department's responsibility, they still re-route and designate it as the only commuting route during their own construction projects," Darshana Mahadevan, a resident said.

Residents repaired the road following a recent incident involving a four-year-old boy. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"Every day, at least a few two-wheelers skid or fall. Walking is risky, and vehicles often get stuck. Ambulances and school buses face delays almost every day. We paid ₹3 lakh from our pockets and an additional ₹30,000 to hire JCB machines to make the road passable, despite already paying taxes. While temporary repairs have improved access, such incidents are witnessed regularly and reflect a larger issue of civic accountability," Madhu M.S., a software engineer, said.

He added that the East Corporation committees have reportedly been approached multiple times, but officials including the Commissioner have claimed the road does not fall under their jurisdiction. Civic bodies must take responsibility for constructing a permanent drainage system and reconstructing the road to ensure safety and prevent recurring flooding, he said.

Meanwhile, residents of Balagere-Panathur, including children, held a protest on Saturday, highlighting the poor state of roads.

History-sheeter dies after police open fire at him

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

A history-sheeter succumbed to his injuries after he was shot in the leg by the police when he allegedly tried to escape by assaulting them at Rampur (PA) village of Sindgi taluk of Vijayapura district on Saturday. Younus Iqlas Patel, 30, of Devangaon in Vijayapura district had allegedly robbed a man of ₹25,000 at knifepoint and escaped with the victim's two-wheeler on Friday. The Gandhi Chowki Station Police had registered a case and had launched a manhunt for him.

Tracing him to Rampur (PA) village, a police team had gone to nab him.

"The accused assaulted the police personnel and injured them. As a warning, police inspector Pradeep Talakeri fired two rounds in the air. Instead of surrendering, the accused rushed towards the inspector menacingly. The inspector stumbled and fell down and accidentally fired at the accused. The bullet hit him in the leg. He was immediately taken to the taluk hospital in Sindagi. After giving him first aid, on doctors' advice, he was shifted to the district hospital in Vijayapura. On reaching the hospital, doctors declared that he had died," Superintendent of Police Laxman Nimbaragi told *The Hindu*.

Tigress that injured farmer captured

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The tigress which had attacked and mauled a farmer in Badagalapura village, Sargur taluk, close to H.D. Kote, was tranquilised and trapped by the Forest Department on Saturday. Confirming the developments, Prabhakaran, director, Bandipur Tiger Reserve, said that one of the forelimbs of the three year-old tigress was found to be twisted, which rendered it incapacitated. Hence, it is speculated that the tigress was preying on the livestock of villagers, who had complained about the same to the Forest Department.

Hampi chariot's replica finds its rightful place at Vijayanagar metro station

Nagesh Prabhu
BENGALURU

People who have not seen the iconic stone chariot in front of the Vijaya Vittala Temple in the UNESCO World Heritage site of Hampi can now see and click selfies with it at Namma Metro station at Vijayanagar in Bengaluru.

As part of the beautification project, the Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limilted (BMRCL) installed a 300-kg chariot on the first floor of the metro station.

Vijayanagar metro station in Bengaluru now hosts the iconic Hampi chariot's replica. NAGESH PRABHU

From Hubballi

The chariot, made out of fibre-reinforced plastic (FRP) material by Srishti Arts, headed by Sumangala Bhat, Hubballi, is kept at the metro station to showcase the skill of architecture under the patronage of the Vijayanagara empire (14th to 17th century). The 7.5-ft high and 7.5-ft wide chariot is kept on a wooden platform. Passengers entering and leaving both sides of the station would get a glimpse of the chariot. Many passengers were clicking selfies in front of the chariot. Speaking to *The Hindu*, Sumangala Bhat of Srishti Arts said, "the Hampi Chariot sculpture is a testament to India's glorious past and a celebration of our nation's rich cultural legacy. We meticulously crafted the Hampi Chariot from FRP material." "The Namma Metro officials placed the order to create the chariot a few months ago. Four to five artists took about four months to complete the task," she said. The chariot was made at a workshop in Hubballi.

Srishti Arts, Hubballi, was also part of the beautification of the M.G. Road and Bannigenahalli metro stations.

It has also beautified the railway stations at Badami, Dharwad, Bagalkot, and Munirabad under the jurisdiction of South Western Railway.

Recently, the Badami railway station has installed arches and pillars showcasing the architectural heritage of the Badami Chalukya dynasty. The project was part of modernisation of railway stations by the SWR, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to inaugurate it virtually soon.

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Be wary of RSS that opposed Constitution: Siddaramaiah

Chief Minister accuses the BJP and the Sangh Parivar of indulging in propaganda in the name of B.R. Ambedkar

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has said that RSS and the Sangh Parivar, which had opposed Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's Constitution, continued to do so even today, and called upon the people to be wary of them.

The comes amid the ongoing controvery over the government's decision on regulating the use of public and government place for private organisations such as the RSS.

Speaking after inaugurating the silver jubilee celebrations of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre here, and inaugurating the new Jnanadarshana building on the Manasagangothri campus of the University of Mysore, Mr. Siddaramaiah described Dr. Ambedkar as a great visionary, who used his knowledge for the transformation of society.

"Ambedkar acquired knowledge to understand society, and devoted his life to using that knowledge to change society," he said.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at the silver jubilee celebrations of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre of the University of Mysore, on Saturday. M. A. SRIRAM

'Spreading lies'

He accused the BJP and the Sangh Parivar of spreading false propaganda in the name of Dr. Ambedkar. "They are spreading lies that it was the Congress that defeated Ambedkar in the elections. But, the truth is that Ambedkar himself wrote that he was defeated by V.D. Savarkar and S.A. Dange," Mr. Siddaramaiah said.

V.D. Savarkar was the Hindutva ideologue and S.A. Dange was a Communist leader.

The Chief Minister emphasised the need to "bring out such truths before society to expose the falsehoods propagated by the Sangh Parivar".

Mr. Siddaramaiah said that he had established the Dr. B. R. Ambedkar School of Economics University in Bengaluru to facilitate students, who study Ambedkar, to walk his path. "Another like Ambedkar can never be born. But, each of us must follow his ideals and walk his path," said Mr Siddaramaiah.

He pointed out that Dr. Ambedkar studied and absorbed the essence of all the Constitutions of the world, and gave India one of the greatest Constitutions suited to its society.

Referring to a recent incident in which a lawyer reportedly attempted to throw footwear at the Chief Justice of India, Mr. Siddaramaiah said a person hurled a shoe at the Chief Justice of India. "This shows that casteist elites continue to exist in society," he said. "Throwing a shoe at the Chief Justice should be condemned, not only by Dalits, but by everyone. Only then can we feel assured that society is truly on the path of change," he said.

"Education is not anyone's ancestral property. What is needed are equal opportunities. When opportunities are provided, people become scholars and thinkers," he said, citing Dr. Ambedkar as an example.

Choose company wisely

Mr. Siddaramaiah advised people to choose their company wisely. "Be with those who stand for social justice. Do not associate with those who oppose social change and those who cling to Sanatana ideology," he said.

Speaking to reporters earlier, Mr. Siddaramaiah reiterated that the government of Karnataka was not targeting any specific group by regulating the use of public and government place for their activities, and said that the rule applied to all organisations.

He said the rule to seek permission from the authorities before conducting any activity was to ensure that there was no inconvenience to people.

"A similar rule was introduced when the BJP was in power and Jagadish Shettar was the Chief Minister. Why was there no opposition to the rule then?' he asked.

Tension in Chittapur ahead of RSS centenary march

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

Amid the ongoing controversy over Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister Priyank Kharge's letter to the Chief Minister seeking a ban on the activities of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) in public places, the RSS has planned a route march in Chittapur, Mr. Priyank's home constituency, on Sunday, to commemorate the RSS completing 100 years.

However, municipal authorities, late on Friday night, removed decorative saffron flags, banners and buntings that had been put up for the event, triggering tension in the town, which had observed a complete bandh on Thursday in support of Mr. Priyank's stand against the RSS and the Sangh Parivar.

Condemning the move, RSS supporters and workers staged protests, shouting slogans against the municipal authorities for taking down the saffron flags, buntings and banners that had been installed at prominent circles across Chittapur.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mallinath Aurad, district convener of the RSS, dismissed any link between the proposed route march and Mr. Priyank's demand for banning RSS activities in public places.

"The march is part of the RSS centenary celebrations and to mark Vijaya Dashami. We have followed due process in seeking permission and have also paid ₹6,000 as fees for installing decorative flags and banners. Similar route marches have already been conducted in Chincholi, Afzalpur, Aland and Kamalapur taluks. The marches in Chittapur and Sedam are scheduled for Sunday," Mr. Aurad said.

Chittapur Tahsildar Nagayya Hiremath clarified that permission for the event had not yet been granted, at the time of going to print.

"The RSS leaders submitted an application seeking permission for the route march. I have forwarded it to the police department seeking their opinion in view of the law and order situation. A final decision will be taken only after receiving the police report," Mr. Hiremath said.

PDO suspended after photos of him in 'ganvesh' go viral

The Hindu Bureau
YADGIR

The Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has placed a Panchayat Development Officer (PDO), Praveen Kumar K.P., working at a gram panchayat in Sirwar taluk, under suspension for allegedly participating in the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) event on October 12.

Pictures of him in 'ganvesh' (RSS uniform) and holding a club, participating in the RSS event organised at Lingsugur in Raichur district on October 12, went viral on social media.

Arundhati Chandrasekhar, Commissioner of the RDPR department, on October 17, passed the suspension order stating that Mr. Kumar had violated the service rules. A departmental inquiry would be conducted against the suspended officer.

On Thursday, the Karnataka Cabinet decided to bring in rules to restrict activities of private organisations, such as the RSS, in public spaces.

The decision came on the heels of events and route marches being held across Karnatka on October 12, including 100 in Bengaluru, to mark RSS's 100th anniversary.

IT-BT and Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister Priyank Kharge had written to the Chief Minister seeking restrictions on such activities on the premises of government institutions and public places.

Mr. Kharge had also sought strict implementation of existing conduct rules of government employees that restrict them from participating in such activities.

The BJP has responded strongly to the suspension of the PDO. Party president B.Y. Vijayendra has called it "intimidation tactics."

Rajanna expresses doubts

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ruling Congress MLA and former Minister K.N. Rajanna on Saturday expressed doubts over the success of restricting RSS activities in public places and government schools and colleges.

He sought to know whether the government would require Muslims to get permission for performing namaz on roads. Mr. Rajanna, who was removed from the Cabinet a few months ago, said only those rules which could be implemented should be put in place.

D. Raja welcomes govt.'s decision to restrict activities of saffron outfit

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Communist Party of India (CPI) general secretary D. Raja on Saturday welcomed the Karnataka Cabinet's decision to prevent trespassing of public properties by organisations such as the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), terming it a step towards safeguarding democratic institutions from ideological infiltration.

Addressing a press conference after participating in the CPI Karnataka State Council meeting in Bengaluru, Mr. Raja said the decision reflected the State government's commitment to uphold constitutional values and secularism. CPI Karnataka State secretary Saathi Sundaresh was also present.

Mr. Raja alleged that the RSS had "systematically infiltrated" key institutions, including the judiciary, educational bodies, and the bureaucracy. "We have seen how some judges become Governors or hold other important posts after their retirement. Even appointments in universities and other educational institutions are under the close watch of the RSS," he claimed.

CPI general secretary D. Raja participating in the party's Karnataka State Council meeting in Bengaluru on Saturday.

CPI general secretary says the decision will go a long way in curbing the ideological influence of the RSS within government offices, schools, and public establishments

Welcoming the decision, he said it would go a long way in curbing the ideological influence of the RSS within government offices, schools, and public establishments. "Government spaces must remain free from any organisation that promotes divisive or sectarian agendas. This move by the Karnataka Cabinet is a message that the State will not tolerate communal interference in public administration," he said.

The CPI leader urged Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president D.K. Shivakumar to ensure stronger coordination among partners of the INDIA bloc in the State.

"It is essential that all secular and democratic forces work together to counter the RSS-BJP combine politically and ideologically," he said, adding that a meeting of like-minded parties should be convened soon to strengthen the unity of opposition forces.

TB Control Society to be wound up

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government has decided to wind up the Karnataka State Tuberculosis Control Society and transfer its assets, liabilities, and functions to the TB Division under the Directorate of Health and Family Welfare Services. The move follows a meeting on December 26, 2024,where the Health Minister said the society was not carrying out active operations.

Karnataka's mutual fund assets touch ₹5.67 lakh crore

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka has witnessed a steady growth in the mutual fund industry, and as of August 2025, mutual funds from the State stood at approximately ₹5.67 lakh crore, making it one of the top four States in India in terms of mutual fund assets under management (AUM), said Quantum Asset Management Company (Quantum AMC).

The State also contributed 6.9% of the country's total mutual fund AUM – a sizeable share that underscores its importance in the the country's mutual fund distribution landscape, investor outreach and advisory networks, according to Quantum AMC.

The key drivers of this growth have been the State's highly educated workforce, robust digital infrastructure, a culture of innovation, its status as a magnet for startups, a venture capital ecosystem and active institutional investors, the firm said.

Seemant Shukla, chief executive officer, Quantum AMC, said, "Karnataka has witnessed a 5X growth over the last decade, while Bengaluru alone has experienced an impressive 10X growth in the same period, underscoring the city's significance as a key hub for innovation and economic activity.''

The firm also said the State has seen a sharp rise in financial awareness and market participation.

Devadasi survey extended

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The ongoing resurvey of Devadasis in Karnataka has been extended till December 31. The survey, which began on September 15, was to end on November 21 as per the previous schedule.

The Karnataka State Women's Development Corporation (KSWDC), the nodal agency for conducting the survey, had held a review meeting earlier this week in which around 60 women from the Devadasi community from different districts participated.

They had flagged the complicated and time-consuming documentation process, and sought more time to complete the process, which has been undertaken in 15 districts.

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No. DMG/MLS/Auction/1st Phase/2025-26 Dated: 18.10.2025

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This is to inform the General Public that our client has negotiated to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner, Dr. Isaac John, aged about 76 years, S/o. late Mr. John Isaac, residing at 2679, Sweet Oaks Circle, Germantown, TN 38138, USA. Dr. Isaac John has represented to our client that he has purchased the Schedule Property from its owners, Mr. N. H. Rustumji and others under a Sale Deed dated 18th September 2000, registered as Document No. BNG(U)SNGR.2407/2000-01, of Book I, dated 30th September 2000 with the office of the Sub Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bangalore and has further represented to our client that some of the pages of original Sale Deed dated 18th September 2000, the Katha Certificate and Katha Extract pertaining to the Schedule Property is misplaced or lost and the Schedule Property is free from all encumbrances, charges, liens etc.

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ELECTION GENERAL BODY MEETING NOTICE

Present :: Mrs. Rashmi Siddharth Zagade, I.A.S.,
District Collector / Returning Officer.

By virtue of the powers vested with me as Returning Officer upon appointment by the Cooperative Election Authority vide their order Election No. 72/2025-26, dated : 11.07.2025, it is hereby notified that an **Election General Body Meeting** will be held on **03.11.2025** at **HOTEL SHILTON DEE CEE, No. 90, G.N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar, Chennai - 600 017** to Elect 20 (Twenty) Directors for the term 2026-2031 as per schedule. All the members are requested to attend this Election General Body Meeting and they are eligible to contest and vote in the Election as per the Condition laid down in MSCS (Amendment) Act 2023 and Society Bye-Laws.

ELECTION PROGRAM Rule 19(H)(2)
Annexure to the Letter No. CEA-12011/287/2025 dated 11.07.2025

(A) General Information	
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Returning Officer	Mrs. Rashmi Siddharth Zagade, I.A.S., District Collector, Chennai.
Post for which election being held	Board of Members-20 (General-17, SC/ST-1 & Women-2) Office Bearers-2 (Chairman-1 & Vice-Chairman-1)
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(B) Election Program for Board of Directors

Sl.No.	Particulars	Date	Time
1.	Publication of Provisional List of Members / Delegates, Eligible to Vote	3rd November, 2025 (Monday) Hotel Shilton Dee Cee, Aster Hall.	11.00 AM
	Venue for S.No. 2 to 10 Program at Regd. Office of the Society		
2.	Time Window for Raising Objection to the Provisional List	4th November, 2025 to 8th November, 2025 (Tuesday to Saturday)	11.00 AM to 3.00 PM
3.	Scrutiny of objection received to the Provisional List (if any)	11th November, 2025 to 14th November, 2025 (Tuesday to Friday)	11.00 AM to 3.00 PM
4.	Publication of Final List of Members / Delegates, Eligible to Vote	15th November, 2025 (Saturday)	11.00 AM
5.	Issue and Filing of Nomination Form	18th November, 2025 to 21st November, 2025 (Tuesday to Friday)	11.00 AM to 3.00 PM
6.	Publication of List of Nominations Received	21st November, 2025 (Friday)	5.00 PM
7.	Scrutiny of Received Nomination Forms	25th November, 2025 (Tuesday)	11.00 AM to 3.00 PM
8.	Publication of List of Valid Nominations	25th November, 2025 (Tuesday)	5.00 PM
9.	Withdrawal of Nominations	26th November, 2025 (Wednesday)	11.00 AM to 3.00 PM
10.	Publication of Final List of Contesting Candidates	26th November, 2025 (Wednesday)	5.00 PM
11.	Date of Polling, If Necessary	3rd December, 2025 (Wednesday) Polling Booths 1) Regd. Office, Ch-18 2) Madurai R.O. 3) Coimbatore R.O. 4) Ernakulam R.O. 5) Vizag R.O. 6) Bangalore R.O. 7) Hyderabad R.O.	8.00 AM to 03.00 PM and all those who have entered polling station at 03.00 PM or before should be allowed to cast vote
12.	Counting of votes	4th December, 2025 (Thursday) at Hotel Shilton Dee Cee (Aster Hall)	08.00 AM Onwards
12A.	Submission of Form 19M with recommendation for seeking approval of CEA before declaration of result of BOD	5th December, 2025 (Friday)	
13.	Declaration of Result of Board of Directors.	8th December, 2025 (Monday)	After approval of Cooperative Election Authority. New Delhi on Format 19M

(C) Election Program of Office Bearer at Regd. Office of the Society

14.	Announcement of Election Schedule	12th December, 2025 (Friday)	After Declaration of Result of Board Members' Election
	I. Time window for filling nomination	09.30 AM to 11.30 AM	
	II. Scrutiny of nomination papers	12.30 PM to 02.00 PM	
	III. Time and date for withdrawal	02.00 PM to 04.00 PM	
	IV. Display of list of the contesting candidate and schedule of election	04.00 PM	
15.	Meeting of Newly Constituted Board & Publication of List for valid Nominations, Polling (if required)	15th December, 2025 (Monday)	11.00 AM Onwards
16.	Declaration of Result of Election of Office Bearers	After approval of Cooperative Election Authority, New Delhi on Format 19N	

This issues with the approval of Cooperative Election Authority
The above schedule is subject to modification, if any, as ordered by the Cooperative Election Authority.
Date: 17.10.2025

Sd/- xxxx
DISTRICT COLLECTOR / RETURNING OFFICER

INBRIEF

Many areas in Theni district affected owing to downpour

Many areas in Theni district were flooded on Saturday following widespread rain in the Western Ghats and catchment areas on Friday night. Officials said following heavy rain on Friday night, many parts in Cumbum, Gudalur, and Surulipatti were badly affected. The downpour between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m., resulted in flooding on the road in Cumbum town.

Chenthamara gets double life term in Sajitha murder case

Chenthamara, the accused in the Pothundy double murder case, was sentenced on Saturday to double life imprisonment for a murder he committed in 2019 at the same place in Kerala. The Palakkad Sessions Court sentenced him to a double term in prison and slapped a fine of ₹3.25 lakh on him for murdering his neighbour Sajitha. The prosecution established that the motive for the murder was Chenthamara's vindictiveness towards Sajitha, stemming from his belief that his wife left him because of her.

Youth held for sexually assaulting three minor girls

A 27-year-old man was booked by the Telangana Police for allegedly sexually assaulting three minor girls, all aged around 10. A Saidabad police officer said that the accused resided in the same area as the girls. "He lured them to his home and sexually assaulted them there. He also threatened them with dire consequences," said the officer. The girls had shared about the assault with their schoolmates, who informed their parents and the same was conveyed to the girls' families.

State-wide bandh affects normal life in Telangana

Political parties join the bandh against the Telangana High Court's interim stay on the 42% reservation for BCs in local body elections; stray incidents of violence reported in Hyderabad

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The State-wide bandh in Telangana, which began early on Saturday morning, affected transport services in several districts including Mahabubnagar, Karimnagar, Siddipet, Khammam, Kothagudem, Sangareddy, Medak, Nalgonda, and Adilabad.

Roads wore a deserted look as most shops remained closed, except those providing essential goods and services. Educational institutions and business establishments declared a holiday as a precautionary measure.

Buses and autorickshaws seen at the Secunderabad Railway Station as TSRTC services stayed off the roads. RAMAKRISHNA G.

Stray incidents of hooliganism in Hyderabad marred the otherwise uneventful bandh called by all the political parties for 42% reservations for backward classes in local civic bodies.

Violence in Hyderabad

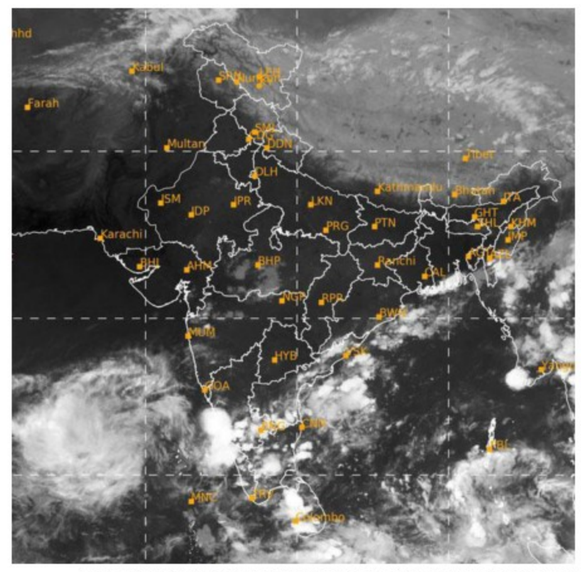
Violence was reported from Nallakunta, Barkatpura and Abids in Hyderabad when groups of men targetted a fuel station, an electronics showroom and a tiffin centre demanding that they close down in solidarity with the bandh.

Political parties joined the State-wide bandh against the Telangana High Court's interim stay on the 42% reservation for Backward Classes (BC) in local body elections.

Protesters held sit-ins, rallies, and human chains across the State demanding that the government secure legal backing for the enhanced BC reservations in local bodies. Party leaders declared that the agitation would continue until justice was achieved for the backward classes.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Karnataka, Kerala, Mahe, Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Odisha, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, central Maharashtra and coastal Karnataka

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	34.2	25.4	Kozhikode	3	33.2	25.4
Ahmedabad	—	36.2	21.4	Kurnool	—	34.1	23.6
Aizawl	—	31.6	21.2	Lucknow	—	33.0	20.4
Allahabad	—	33.8	18.4	Madurai	—	33.0	23.6
Bengaluru	—	28.0	21.7	Mangaluru	12	30.8	23.0
Bhopal	—	30.1	21.0	Mumbai	—	35.5	24.6
Bhubaneswar	—	32.0	22.0	Mysuru	—	29.0	21.0
Chandigarh	—	34.0	17.5	New Delhi	—	33.5	19.6
Chennai	4.6	27.9	25.7	Patna	—	32.5	22.7
Coimbatore	—	31.4	23.2	Port Blair	1	31.5	24.7
Dehradun	—	31.5	17.2	Puducherry	0.4	29.8	23.9
Gangtok	—	24.4	14.6	Pune	—	34.5	22.9
Goa	—	35.0	25.6	Raipur	—	32.2	22.0
Guwahati	—	33.5	23.2	Ranchi	—	31.0	17.4
Hubballi	—	29.0	22.0	Shillong	—	25.2	14.5
Hyderabad	—	31.6	21.6	Shimla	—	26.2	13.8
Imphal	—	30.9	22.2	Srinagar	—	26.2	7.5
Jaipur	—	32.0	19.6	Thiruvananthapuram	11	32.2	24.2
Kochi	15	29.8	24.2	Tiruchi	—	31.7	24.4
Kohima	—	27.0	18.0	Vijayawada	—	32.4	25.0
Kolkata	—	34.4	25.4	Visakhapatnam	1	31.4	25.9

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.28	117	...9	...182	...136	
Bengaluru	...9	..10	.80	74	...104	
Chennai	.15	..12	104	50	73	
Delhi	.28	120	.28	...322	...350	
Hyderabad	...9	..31	.32	...157	...127	
Kolkata	...7	..51	.52	...242	...160	
Lucknow	...8	..47	.49	...208	...141	
Mumbai	...3	..60	.21	...238	...188	
Pune	..—	..24	.19	...248	...183	
Visakhapatnam	..—	..—	.35	.....—	.....—	.....—

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 324 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 14

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

SIT searches house of key accused in Sabarimala case; may quiz TDB official

The Hindu Bureau
PATHANAMTHITTA

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the Sabarimala gold theft case on Saturday conducted a search at the ancestral house of Unnikrishnan Potti, the prime accused in the case.

According to official sources, Mr. Potti's ancestral house is at Karettu. In its remand report, the SIT says Mr. Potti committed a breach of trust by stealing 2 kg of gold from the Sabarimala Ayyappa temple. However, the report does not say what happened to the stolen gold, which remains the primary focus of the investigation.

During interrogation, Mr. Potti is learned to have given statements implicating officials of the Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) in the irregularities at the temple. He is said to have told the SIT that the conspiracy to steal the gold began since the time he applied as a sponsor. The smelting of the gold from idols and the temple's door frames, he claimed, was part of the plan.

Notices issued

Meanwhile, the SIT is expected to take Murari Babu, a suspended administrative officer of the TDB, into custody soon. Mr. Babu had recorded a statement in the TDB mahassar claiming that the gold-plated sheets were copper sheets, allegedly to facilitate the theft. The SIT has also begun issuing questioning notices to other accused.

Kalpesh, a Bengaluru resident believed to have received the stolen gold from Mr. Potti, and Nagesh, the owner of a Hyderabad-based gold processing unit, are also expected to be taken into custody soon.

The role of Chennai-based Smart Creations, where the gold-clad sheets underwent repairs, is under investigation.

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No. EE/KSPH&IDCL/CNT/TND/04/2025-26/209 Date: 18.10.2025

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER (CALL-2)

KSPH & IDCL invites **ONLINE** tender as per KTPP 2000 Act & as per Standard Tender Document through KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for the below work.

Name of Works: 1. Construction of 18 Nos (12 PC at Cowl Bazar & 06 PSI at DAR Ballari) Quarters in Ballari District under POLICE GRUHA-2025 (Phase-5) Scheme Package No.84 on Lumpsum, No Variation (Fixed Price), Turnkey Basis - Conventional Method of Construction (Framed Structure) (G+2 Floors). (Call-2).

Interested eligible Contractors may participate in the tendering process. The details such as Tender fee, EMD, Tender Documents etc., are available on KPPP from **23/10/2025 onwards.**

"KSPH & IDCL reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reasons."

Note: Henceforth any changes / modifications in the tender will be updated only on KPPP.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer-Contracts

DIPR/CP/3336/SPAN/2025-26

Govt.of Karnataka
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT
VIJAYANAGARA Vidya Nagar 5th Cross Abhishek Hospital Road Hospet
Email:ddswdvijayanagara@gmail.c om

No:ddswd/vij/Outsoursetender/CR-/2025-26 Date:17-10-2025

Tender Notice

For the year 2025-26 a full term tender has been invited through E-Procurement for the supply of out source of group "D" posts in Pre/Post Matric hostels Of Social Welfare Department & KREIS Residential Schools in Vijayangara District, The details are as follows. 01.Website Adress: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** 02.Tender Number: **SWD/2025-26/SE0218.** 03.Tender Form Upload Starting Date: **17-10-2025.** 04.Pre-Bid Meeting date, time & Place: **21-10-2025, afternoon 12.00 pm @ Office Of the Deputy Director, Social Welfare Department Vidyanagara Abhishek Hospital Road Hospet Vijayanagara. Pin Code-583201.** 05.Last Date & Time for submission of tender : **26-10-2025 @ 5.00 Pm.** 06.Date & timing of opening Technical-Bid: **27-10-2025 @ 05.01 Pm Or date will be intimated later.** 07.Date & timing of opening Financial-Bid: **28-10-2025 @ 05.05 Pm Or date will be intimated later.** 08.Venue of opening of tenders & address for communication: **Office Of the Deputy Director, Social Welfare Department Vidyanagara Abhishek Hospital Road Hospet Vijayanagara. Pin Code-583201 Contact No:99805 81777**
Departments: 01.Social Welfare Department. **No.of Outsource employees:** 276. 02.KREIS SCHOOLS. **No.of Outsource employees:** 292. **Amount put to tender (in Lakhs):** 9,70,53,200/-. **E.M.D Amount:** 14,50,000/-

For further information contact office of the Deputy Director Social Welfare Department Vijayanagara to apply for the tender visit this website : https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

DIPR/Vijayanagar/2025-26/KSMCA/RO No/305

Sd/- Deputy Director Social Welfare Department Vijayanagara.

CHAMARAJANAGAR DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
Chamarajanagar District Urban Development Cell

No: DUDC/Nagarothana Phase-4/KGL/CR:218/2021-22 Date : 17-10-2025

-: Tender Notification :-

The Executive Engineer, District Urban Development Cell, Chamarajanagar District, Chamarajanagar invites items rate tenders in two cover system through the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (KPPP) with URL **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from experienced and eligible contractors for the following work.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work with Indent No	Estimate cost (in Lakhs)	EMD (in Lakhs)	Work Duration (in Months)
01	Construction of buildings / park development and other infrastructure works for under the Hon'ble Chief Minister's Amrutha Nagarotthana (Municipality) Phase-4 scheme, in Kollegala City Muncipal Council Limit. **(Work Indent No. : DMA/2025-26/BD/ WORK_ INDENT44173)**	161.45	2.04	12 (excluding monsoon)

Performance Security Deposit is 5% of the Contract value. Date & time of uploading Tender document on KPPP: 17-10-2025 at 12-00 pm. Last date & time for submitting tender for the above works through KPPP : 11-11-2025 upto 5.30 pm Date of opening of technical bid of the tender through KPPP : 13-11-2025 at 11.00 am. Date of Opening of Financial bid of the tender through KPPP : 17-11-2025 at 3.30 pm.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
District Urban Development Cell,
Chamarajanagar District, Chamarajanagara

No. : DIPR:CHANAGAR:429:2025-26

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ಪೌರಾಡಳಿತ ನಿರ್ದೇಶನಾಲಯ
9ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ವಿಶ್ವೇಶ್ವರಯ್ಯ ಗೋಪುರ, ಡಾ. ಬಿ.ಆರ್. ಅಂಬೇಡ್ಕರ್ ವೀದಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560001. । ದೂ.ಸಂ.: 080-22866302/7172
ಇ-ಮೇಲ್: dmablr@gmail.com , ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್: municipaladmn.gov.in

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:1937161/DMA/EST1/MISC/66/2025 ದಿನಾಂಕ:18.10.2025

ಕಾನೂನು ಸಹಾಯಕರು ಹುದ್ದೆಗೆ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ನೇಮಕಾತಿಗಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನ

ಪೌರಾಡಳಿತ ನಿರ್ದೇಶನಾಲಯದ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಗೊಳಪಡುವ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಗಳು, ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಪುರಸಭೆ ಮತ್ತು ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿನ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ/ನೌಕರರುಗಳು, ವಿವಿಧ ಸಂಘಟನೆಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಂದ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ವಿವಿಧ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ದಾಖಲಿಸುವ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ಪ್ರಕರಣಗಳ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆಗಾಗಿ ಕಾನೂನು ಸಹಾಯಕರು ಹುದ್ದೆಗೆ ನ್ಯಾಯವಾದಿಗಳಾಗಿ ಸೇವೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವವರನ್ನು ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳನ್ವಯ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ನೇಮಕ ಮಾಡಲು ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

1. ಕಾನೂನು ಪದವಿದರರಾಗಿರಬೇಕು & ಭಾರತ/ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಬಾರ್ ಅಸೋಸಿಯೇಷನ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಣಿಯಾಗಿರಬೇಕು.
2. ಹಿರಿಯ ನ್ಯಾಯವಾದಿಗಳ ಹತ್ತಿರ/ಸ್ವತಂತ್ರವಾಗಿ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ 5 ವರ್ಷ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ಪ್ರಕರಣಗಳ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ಅನುಭವವಿರಬೇಕು.
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ಸ್ವವಿವರಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಅಂಚೆ, ಇ-ಮೇಲ್: **dmablr.admn@gmail.com** ಮೂಲಕವಾಗಲೀ ಅಥವಾ ಖುದ್ದಾಗಿಯಾಗಲೀ **ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಪೌರಾಡಳಿತ ನಿರ್ದೇಶನಾಲಯ, 9ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ವಿಶ್ವೇಶ್ವರಯ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಗೋಪುರ, ಡಾ:ಬಿ.ಆರ್.ಅಂಬೇಡ್ಕರ್ ವೀದಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560001** ಈ ವಿಳಾಸದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28.10.2025 ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆ.** ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬೇಕಾದ **ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 9008826761.**

ಸಹಿ/-
ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು,
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No. CESC/GM (Proj)/33KV Station/Tender-2025/22811 **Date:** 17.10.2025

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Limited, Invites Bids on electronic mode for the following works against following enquiry numbers on Turnkey basis.

Enquiry No./ Name of the work
1) CESCOM/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT485
Establishing 2x5 MVA, 33/11kV GIS sub-station at **Malai Mahadeshwara Hills**, in Hanur Taluk, Chamarajanagara District and construction of 33kV S/C Line for a distance of about **22.34 km** from existing 66/33/11kV Cowdally sub-station to proposed 33/11kV MM Hills sub-station using **3x240 Sqmm XLPE** UG Cable.
2) CESCOM/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT486
Establishing 2x5 MVA, 33/11kV GIS sub-station at **K.Peraje** Village in Madikeri Taluk, Kodagu District and construction of **33kV D/C** LILO line for a distance of about **200 Meters** using **Coyote conductor** from existing 33kV D/C Karike - Sulya BPCL line feeding to Sulya Substation.
3) CESCOM/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT487
Establishing 2x5 MVA, 33/11kV GIS sub-station at **Sampaje** Village in Madikeri Taluk, Kodagu District and construction of **33kV S/C** line using **Covered Conductor (Equivalent to Coyote)** from Proposed 33/11 kV K.Peraje to proposed 33/11kV Sampaje sub-station for a distance of about **22.0 km** .

The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained through e-procurement portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after **31.10.2025 @ 17:00hrs.** For clarification contact help desk +91-8046010000, +91-8068948777 or e-mail address support@eprochelpdesk.com . Last date & time for receipt of Bids is **30.11.2025 @ 17:00hrs.** If due date for Bid submission is extended it will be intimated in the Karnataka Public Procurement portal. Any details required in this regard can also be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.
All Corrigendum/Addendums shall be noticed by the bidders before the last date of submission of the Bids.

For Electricity related complaints Call: 1912

DIPR/MYS/KAVITA/1017/2024-25

Sd/-
General Manager (Projects),
Corporate Office, CESC, Mysuru.

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Rain fury causes massive damage in Idukki

A waterlogged house at Mundiyeruma in Idukki on Saturday morning. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

According to the district administration, Udumbanchola taluk received rainfall of 82.8 mm, Peerumade taluk 28 mm, Devikulam taluk 35.4 mm, Idukki taluk 38.8 mm, and Thodupuzha taluk 85.4 mm in the past 24 hours.

The high-range areas of Pathanamthitta, Ernakulam, and Kozhikode districts also witnessed heavy rainfall, resulting in flooding at many places. As a precautionary measure, the shutters of the Kallarkutty dam were raised, releasing around 500 cusecs. In addition, four shutters of the Kallar dam were raised by 60 cm, releasing 1,063 cusecs.

Authorities have alerted people living along the banks of the Kallar and Chinnar rivers about rising water levels.

Four shutters of the Malankara diversion dam also remained open. The inflow to the dam depends on the water released after power generation at the Kerala State Electricity Board's Moolamattom plant.

'Motorcycles, cars, TVs have seen price drop'

"There has been a flurry of buying and selling in those nine days," the Finance Minister said, speaking of the nine days of Navaratri that culminate in Dasara.

Dealers in consumer durables reported doubling of sales on the very first day, that is, September 22. Manufacturers indicated that pre-bookings had begun and enquiries had surged. TV manufacturers reported 30%-35% increase in sales, as did makers of FMCG (fast moving consumer goods), including in personal care and nutrition items. The actual decrease in some items was over and beyond the GST rate cuts, including in table and kitchen items, and utensils too, she said.

This was not just pent-up demand, the "consumer story will continue", she added.

There was a 20% to 25% growth in television sales, sparked by a growth in demand, and electronics manufacturing was now seeing double digit growth, the Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw said. "In fact, there is now food deflation of about -2%," he added.

Referring to macroeconomic data, Mr. Vaishnaw said that out of India's GDP of ₹335 lakh crore last year, ₹202 lakh crore had come from consumption, and ₹98 lakh crore from investment. The impact of GST reforms was clearly visible, he said, as this year, consumption had increased by nearly 10%, reflecting an additional ₹20 lakh crore in consumer spending. This increase was expected to drive a corresponding rise in investments, the Minister said.

The GST reform, along with major relief announced in Income Tax on February 1 this year, was a significant step towards encouraging savings, and increasing disposable income for the people, Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said. "When infrastructure development and daily essentials become more affordable, the combined push from both supply and demand sides helps the economy grow faster, making India the fastest-growing large economy in the world," Mr. Goyal said.

Every inch of Pak. within the reach of BrahMos: Rajnath

Minister commissions first batch of BrahMos missiles in Lucknow, says its strike capabilities make it one of the most-advanced missile systems; India's role as a defence exporter has been growing

Mayank Kumar
LUCKNOW

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and U.P. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath at the launch of the first batch of the BrahMos missiles at the BrahMos Aerospace unit in Lucknow on Saturday. ANI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Saturday that the BrahMos missiles were a symbol of India's growing indigenous strength in defence manufacturing and every inch of Pakistan was within their reach.

Mr. Singh and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath commissioned the first batch of BrahMos missiles made at the Lucknow unit of BrahMos Aerospace Ltd.

"It is a matter of immense joy for me that the state-of-the-art BrahMos booster building is being inaugurated in Lucknow. The delivery of missiles on Dhanteras signals a landmark in the country's self-reliance in defence, while also generating economic growth and employment," he said.

Hailing the Lucknow facility, inaugurated in May 2025 at a cost of ₹380 crore and spread over 200 acres, the Minister said it would produce approximately 100 missiles annually for the Army, Navy, and Air Force, generating a turnover of ₹3,000 crore and ₹500 crore in GST revenue.

"The speed and efficiency of this achievement have set a history, and will strengthen the reliability of Lucknow and Uttar Pradesh. Alongside BrahMos credibility, Lucknow's identity has been further reinforced," he said. Emphasising the missile's supersonic speed, accuracy, and long-range strike capability with conventional warheads, Mr. Singh said these made the BrahMos one of the world's most-advanced missile systems.

"During Operation Sindoor, the missile has proven its technological superiority and strengthened India's defence credibility globally," he said. He highlighted India's growing role in defence exports and said the latest contracts value roughly ₹4,000 crore with countries, including the Philippines, signalling India's emergence as a global defence partner.

Mr. Adityanath said 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' is now a "reality taking shape" and India now stands "confidently on the global stage for its defence production capabilities". "Today, India is attracting global attention as the fourth-largest economy. Even in the defence sector, the vision that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had 11 years ago is now taking shape under the leadership of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh," he said.

Congress slams PM as Trump repeats Russian oil claim

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Jairam Ramesh highlighted Mr. Trump's assertion that Mr. Modi assured him India would cut oil imports from Russia.

The Congress on Saturday described Prime Minister Narendra Modi as *mauni baba* (silent monk), alleging that he remained silent when U.S. President Donald Trump claimed India would reduce Russian oil imports or that he halted Operation Sindoor.

In a post on X, Congress communications chief Jairam Ramesh highlighted President Trump's assertion that Mr. Modi, his "good friend", assured him that India would cut oil imports from Russia.

"President Trump has yet again said that he has been assured by his good friend that India will cut back on its imports of oil from Russia. But that good friend suddenly becomes a Mauni Baba whenever President Trump says he stopped Operation Sindoor and now when he says that India will reduce its imports of oil from Russia," Mr. Ramesh said in a post on X and shared President Trump's latest statement.

Trade deficit with China

The Congress leader also noted that India's trade deficit with China rose to $54.4 billion in April-September 2025, up from $49.6 billion the previous year.

His remarks come hours after the U.S. President repeated his claims that India will not be buying oil from Russia, saying that the country has already "de-escalated" and is "pulling back".

This is the second time that Mr. Trump has made such a claim about India's purchase of oil from Russia.

External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal on Thursday, while responding to Mr. Trump's remarks, had said it has been New Delhi's consistent priority to safeguard the interests of Indian consumers in a volatile energy scenario.

Cong., BJP candidates file nominations for Nuapada byelection

Press Trust of India
NUAPADA

Candidates of the ruling BJP and the Opposition Congress on Saturday filed their nomination papers for the byelection in the Nuapada Assembly constituency in Odisha.

BJP candidate Jay Dholakia and Congress nominee Ghasiram Majhi submitted two sets of papers each, an official said.

Accompanied by BJP State president Manmohan Samal, Ministers Rabinarayan Naik and Ganesh R. Singhkhuntia, and a number of party MLAs, Mr. Dholakia reached the District Collector's office to submit his papers, leading a procession.

The procession, which saw the participation of hundreds of people, started from Khariar Road and touched various parts of the town before culminating near the Collector's office.

Mr. Majhi, a prominent tribal leader, also reached the Collector's office, leading a massive procession. He filed the nomination papers in the presence of Congress State president Bhakta Charan Das, former Minister Suresh Routray, and several senior party leaders.

So far, five people have submitted nomination papers for the bypoll, scheduled to be held on November 14, officials said.

BJD candidate Snehangiri Chhuria will file her nomination papers on the last date on Monday.

The scrutiny of papers will be conducted on October 22, and the last date for withdrawal of nominations is October 24. The votes will be counted on November 14.

Mamata urges PM to withdraw appointment of interlocutor on issues relating to Gurkhas

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Mamata Banerjee

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressing "surprise and shock" at the Centre's unilateral appointment of an interlocutor for the "issues relating to Gurkhas in the Darjeeling hills, Terai and Dooars regions of West Bengal".

The Union Home Ministry on Thursday appointed retired IPS officer Pankaj Kumar Singh as the interlocutor to hold talks with representatives of political parties in the Darjeeling hills to address their political demands.

The appointment of Mr. Singh, a former chief of the Border Security Force (BSF) who also served as Deputy National Security Adviser, was welcomed by the political parties such as the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM), Gorkha National Liberation Front and the BJP. But Ms. Banerjee said the appointment was made without any consultations with the State government. Ms. Banerjee also said the appointment was against the spirit of cooperative federalism.

"This appointment has been made without any consultation with the Government of West Bengal, even though the issues under reference directly relate to the governance, peace, and administrative stability of the area under Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA), an autonomous body under Government of West Bengal," she said.

In the letter, the Chief Minister recalled how the GTA was constituted following a Tripartite Agreement signed on July 18, 2011 in Darjeeling among the Government of India, the Government of West Bengal and the GJM, "in the presence of the then Hon'ble Union Home Minister and the Chief Minister of West Bengal".

She said that "any unilateral action in this sensitive matter will not be in interest of peace, and harmony in the region".

MP asks SBI to take back cap on remittance from Maldives

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

CPI(M) Rajya Sabha member A.A. Rahim has urged the State Bank of India (SBI) to withdraw the remittance limit for Indian expatriates in the Maldives.

In a letter to the SBI Chairman, Mr. Rahim said Indian citizens residing in the island nation were facing serious difficulties, following the recent restrictions imposed by the bank's Maldives branches.

"As per the notification issued by the branches, the monthly MVR-INR remittance limit has been temporarily reduced to $150 (MVR 2313) per account holder, effective from October 25, 2025...," said the letter. The Rajya Sabha member requested the bank to review the decision at the earliest.

BPF legislator joins Assam Cabinet

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Bodoland People's Front (BPF) legislator Charan Boro was sworn in as a Minister by Assam Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya at the Raj Bhavan in Guwahati on Saturday.

He is the 19th Minister in the Assam Cabinet headed by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.

The 46-year-old Mr. Boro represents the Majbat Assembly constituency in north-central Assam. His induction into the Cabinet marks the official return of the BPF to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA).

The BPF and BJP had parted ways before the 2020 Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) elections.

Leh Apex Body's 'silent march' foiled in Leh, street protest held in Kargil

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

The Ladakh administration announced reimposition of prohibitory restrictions under Section 163 on Friday. FILE PHOTO

The Ladakh administration on Saturday erected barricades, imposed restrictions, and restrained the movement of members of the Leh Apex Body (LAB), thwarting a scheduled "peaceful march" held to express solidarity with the deaths that occurred during the September 24 protests.

Meanwhile, hundreds of local people held a protest march in Kargil in spite of the restrictions imposed under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita.

"Barricades were set up in the morning on one side of my residence, and police deployment on the other. The Leh administration's move to impose restrictions was illegal and unfortunate," Chering Dorjay Lakruk, president of the Ladakh Buddhist Association, and co-chairperson of the Ladakh Apex Body, said.

The Ladakh administration on Friday evening announced the reimposition of prohibitory restrictions under Section 163, banning the assembly of more than four persons, "following reports of potential threats to public peace and order in the area". The administration's move came after the LAB, spearheading the agitation over demands of Statehood and inclusion in the the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution, had called for a "peaceful march" and a blackout in the evening in Leh.

"We had called for a peaceful march. It was not allowed. However, members of the Ladakh Apex Body did a symbolic march up to the Shanti Stupa from Leh. No locals could join it because of restrictions," Mr. Lakruk said.

Kargil march

Meanwhile, in Kargil town, hundreds of local people and members of the Kargil Democratic Alliance, an amalgam of religious and political organisations, held a peaceful "silent march" in Kargil district and other parts, which include Drass, Sankoo, Tai Suru, Shargole, and Zanskar. Protesters, carrying placards, were seen wearing black bands and masking their mouths.

Court slams U.P. Police for illegally detaining interfaith couple under 'social pressure'

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

High Court directed police to ensure the couple's safety owing to their relationship

The Allahabad High Court on Saturday slammed the Uttar Pradesh Police for "illegally" detaining an interfaith couple which the court noted is a "violation of their fundamental rights".

The court said detention under "social pressure" but without authority of law does not make the detention legal and only increases its "illegality".

A Bench of Justices Salil Kumar Rai and Divesh Chandra Samant, which held a special hearing on a holiday, set free the couple – a Muslim man and a Hindu woman – who had gone missing after attending a hearing in the court, last week. It also directed the police to ensure the safety of the couple and make sure that there are no extra-legal interferences.

The woman's father had lodged an FIR alleging that his 'minor' daughter was abducted by Shane Ali. Acting on the complaint, the Aligarh police arrested the couple. When they were produced before a lower court, the woman said that she was an adult and had married Mr. Ali on her own will.

Following a *habeas corpus* petition moved before the High Court, the couple was produced on Saturday where they submitted that they had been abducted by the woman's father and his accomplices, with assistance from the police, and taken to Aligarh in custody.

The government advocate submitted that there was social tension in the area because of the inter-religious marriage and the police had to detain the couple.

The court noted that the State government and its law enforcement machinery are expected to use their power to protect the liberty of a citizen and not to succumb to social pressures and curtail freedom.

BIHAR ASSEMBLY POLLS

Assembly sat for average 29 days each year

An analysis by the poll watchdog Association of Democratic Reforms (ADR) shows that over the past five years, the Bihar Assembly sat for an average of 29 days per year. The longest sessions were the second and fifth sessions, each having 22 sittings. The analysis also showed 251 MLAs asked a total of 22,505 questions. BJP MLA Arun Shankar Prasad asked the highest number of 275 questions, followed by Manohar Prasad Singh of the Congress, who posed 231 questions.

The report was made from data collated through an RTI application filed by the ADR and Bihar Election Watch asking for the information on the performance of the MLAs and the Legislative Assembly as well as information available on the website of Bihar Legislative Assembly.

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Thanks to BJP, JD(U) for the big heart: Chirag

Union Minister Chirag Paswan on Saturday thanked Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's JD(U) and the BJP for "showing a big heart" in accommodating smaller NDA partners, including his LJP (Ram Vilas), in the seat-sharing arrangement for the Assembly elections. Mr. Paswan met Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who has been camping in the city since Thursday. He said the NDA would achieve "a historic victory" and mocked the INDIA bloc for alleged internal conflicts. "We were not fighting for a particular number of seats as such. We only wanted to contest from those places where we had a strong presence," said the Hajipur MP, whose Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) got 29 seats, despite not having a single MLA in the outgoing Assembly. PTI

> There's no alternative to Nitish Kumar in Bihar. Among all the new people, no one can match him in integrity and transparency
>
> **HARIVANSH NARAYAN SINGH**
> Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman

Paid holiday in Bihar on voting days, says EC

The Election Commission said voters in Bihar are entitled to paid holidays on polling days, and employers who contravene this can be fined. The EC added that voters in eight Assembly constituencies across various States, where bypolls are being held on November 11, are also entitled to a paid holiday. PTI

> He [Yogi Adityanath] is in Bihar not as a star campaigner but as a star divider. The people of Bihar can never accept communal figures
>
> **AKHILESH YADAV**
> Samajwadi Party leader

Star candidate: Seema Singh is a Bhojpuri actor who has worked in over 500 films.

NDA suffers big jolt as papers of LJP(RV)'s Seema Singh are rejected

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

The ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in Bihar faced a major jolt on Saturday after the nomination papers of Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) candidate Seema Singh were rejected during scrutiny in the Marhaura constituency.

The LJP(RV), led by Union Minister Chirag Paswan, has got 29 seats under the NDA's seat-sharing arrangement. "Due to a minor mistake this has happened. We have approached the Election Commission, and I am sure, it will be resolved soon," Mr. Paswan.

Ms. Singh was among the five candidates whose nomination papers have been rejected. The others are Madhubala Giri of the Plurals Party, Janata Dal (United) rebel Altaf Alam, who was contesting as an Independent, Vishal Kumar, who was also an Independent, and Aditya Kumar of the Bahujan Samaj Party.

Ms. Singh, 42, is a Bhojpuri actor who has worked in over 500 films. She is famous for her dances in Marathi, Gujarati, Hindi, Tamil, Bengali, and Rajasthani films as well. With the rejection of her candidature, the direct contest in the Marhaura constituency is now between Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) candidate Jitendra Rai and Jan Suraaj Party (JSP) nominee Naveen Kumar Singh, aka Abhay Singh.

Polling in the constituency in Saran district will take place in the first phase on November 6.

Mandal to contest as Independent

Gopal Mandal, Janata Dal(U) MLA, filed his nomination as an Independent after the party decided to drop him in this election.

While addressing a public meeting after filing his nomination, he broke down saying, "This is a do-or-die battle. Nitish Kumar was misguided due to which my ticket got cancelled. I have never done anything wrong and will never do."

Narkatiyaganj MLA Rashmi Verma declared that she would contest as an Independent. Ms.Verma warned the BJP that the 2015 situation could be repeated in Narkatiaganj.

After the party had denied ticket in 2015, she contested the election as an Independent and defeated the official BJP candidate, Renu Devi. In 2020, the BJP fielded her as its candidate and she was elected. This time, the party has denied her ticket and fielded Sanjay Kumar Pandey.

She announced that she would file her nomination on October 20, asserting that she was contesting on the demand of the people of her Assembly constituency.

Several BJP candidates filed the nomination for the second phase of election. Chief Ministers Bhupendra Patel of Gujarat, Nayab Singh Saini of Haryana, Pramod Sawant of Goa and Manik Saha of Tripura attended the nomination meetings and appealed to the people to vote for the NDA candidates.

Sangeeta Kumari from Mohania, Nisha Singh from Pranpur, Sujit Paswan from Rajnagar, Pawan Jaiswal from Dhaka, Ram Singh from Bagaha, Nand Kishore Ram from Ramnagar, Sanjay Pandey from Narkatiaganj, Murari Paswan from Pirpainti, and Trivikram Singh from Aurangabad filed their papers.

The Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) (Liberation) released the names candidates for all 20 seats which the party has got in the seat-sharing arrangement in the grand alliance.

Out of 20, six candidates are from the Scheduled Castes (SC). The party has fielded a woman candidate from Digha.

In comparison to the 2020 election, the party has got the new seats of Rajgir and Pipra. As many as 10 candidates have been repeated, four are new faces and one candidate has been dropped.

What tidings does '*Palayan*' Express bring for festivals of lights and votes?

The trains that carry migrant voters from Bihar to various parts of the country are now disgorging revellers at various stations back in the State, leaving political parties guessing about the choice this crucial segment will exercise at the polling booth before heading back to their places of work

IN FOCUS

Amarnath Tewary
PATNA

As Bihari migrants start returning home ahead of Deepavali and Chhath, the big question is who will get their votes in the Assembly election to be held on November 6 and 11.

The new entrant in the Bihar political arena, the Jan Suraaj Party led by Prashant Kishor, has gained traction among this key section of the electorate, but migrant voters are holding their cards close to their chest.

Groups of workers passing through the Patna Junction railway station on their way home, mostly in the northeastern and northwestern border districts of the State, say they will take a final decision only after reaching home and consulting family members, friends, and villagers. They predict the contest will be between the NDA and the *mahagatbandhan* (grand alliance) this time, "but it will be a tough one".

According to the Bihar Caste Survey report for 2022-23, there were 53 lakh families and 2.65 crore people who live outside Bihar as migrants. The 2011 Census, however, estimated their population at 74.54 lakh, and some reports say their number is as high as a crore. Some political parties even claim there are three crore migrants from the State.

Three of the State's northwestern districts – Saran, Siwan and Gopalganj – get the highest remittances, from migrants working in Gulf countries.

'Stay back to cast votes'

In some constituencies, these voters are expected to play a major role and parties are trying to win them over during the few weeks they are in the State. The BJP-led NDA government at the Centre has announced that it will run several trains for migrants.

"Chhath is when all public meetings are put on hold, our party candidates would move around the ghats [river banks where devotees go to offer prayer to the rising-and-setting Sun deity] to meet them personally," BJP leader Vivek Thakur said.

RJD spokesperson Mrityunjay Tiwari said that the Opposition party's leaders would also "pursue the migrants to stay back for a few more days after Chhath to cast their vote".

The trains that regularly chug out to Punjab, Delhi, and other destinations from the Saharsa railway station in northeastern Bihar are popularly known as "*Palayan* (Migration) express" trains.

Crucial vote bank: Migrant workers of Bihar waiting at Patna Junction railway station on their way home. They are mostly from the northeastern and northwestern districts of the State. AMARNATH TEWARY

At noon on Saturday, however, a huge crowd of migrants throng platform number 4 at the Patna Junction station, waiting for the Raj Rani Express travelling in the opposite direction.

Satyam Kumar, 28, is among those heading home to Saharsa after a year in Noida, where he works as a construction labourer. Eyes on his jazzy mobile phone, he adjusts the rexine bag on his back and says he has decided to stay home for a few weeks to cast his vote in the first phase of polling on November 6.

"Prashant Kishor of the Jan Suraaj Party talks sense," he says, gathering nods from his friends.

"We've been watching videos of him quite often on our mobile phones while working in Noida but we'll cast our vote once we reach our homeland and consult our family members, friends and local people to form our firm opinion on whom or which party we should vote for," he says, before rushing to find a place on the platform to wait for the train.

Dipankar Bhattacharya of the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) Liberation, part of the Opposition alliance, said the Jan Suraaj Party had greater "traction" among migrants, than from people actually living in the State.

Sanjeev Bind and his friends are more concerned about the law-and-order situation in their homes in neighbouring Katihar district.

"The law-and-order situation had improved but again it has deteriorated in our town. Whoever will improve it, will get our vote. We want to give more time to Mr. Kishor before casting our vote for his party candidate, though whatever he says is correct and connects with us," he says, sipping tap water from a green bottle. He and his friends work in a small restaurant in the Azadpur area of Delhi.

Outside the station, migrants, in a long queue, are sitting on steel chairs waiting to enter the station. Subham Pandey, who earns ₹18,000 a month as a security guard for a multinational company at Gurgaon, clutches his bags as he waits for the train heading to his hometown in Gopalganj.

"Yes, my friends and I have been watching videos of Prashant Kishor and we are even impressed with what he says and the way he has been meeting people while travelling to different districts for the last two-three years. But we've made up our minds not to vote for him this time. He needs to work for several years and prove his political credentials first," Mr. Pandey says. His friends look the other way, perhaps shying away from making any political comment at a railway station.

The results of the Bihar Assembly polls will be announced on November 14.

Overlooked for candidature, Congress leaders in Bihar allege ticket was 'sold'

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

Neglected in ticket distribution, a group of Congress leaders in Bihar on Saturday accused Congress State in-charge Krishna Allavaru and the party's State president, Rajesh Ram, of selling ticket.

Addressing a press conference, a group of party functionaries, including an MLA and a former MLA, said party president Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi should intervene in the matter.

Anand Madhab, spokesperson and chairman of the research department of the Bihar Pradesh Congress Committee, resigned from the position with immediate effect in protest.

"Unfortunately, it appears that loyalty, commitment, hard work, and simplicity are no longer valued attributes in our party. Over the past decade, I have served the party with unwavering integrity and honesty, consistently delivering on assigned tasks. However, my inability to indulge in bribery and cater to the ego of a few individuals has seemingly hindered my prospects," Mr. Madhab said in a letter to Mr. Kharge.

"The influence of corporate interests, such as Adani and Ambani, appears to have taken precedence over performance, with the *Mera Admi, Tera Admi* [my men your men] theory dominating party decisions. Despite my clean track record, educational background, and dedicated service, including notable efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic, I have been denied Assembly ticket four times."

Gajanand Shahi, left, and Anand Madhab during the press conference in Patna on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The functionaries demand that party chief Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi intervene

Mr. Madhab added, "I fear that the party's approach to ticket distribution will yield unfavourable results, and we may struggle to reach even double digits in the election. A political party's success hinges on its principles and discipline, not the whims and fancies of a select few."

Khagaria MLA Chhatrapati Yadav has been replaced by a new face, Chandan Yadav, and former MLA Gajanand Shahi, who lost the previous election by a margin of 113 votes, has been replaced by Trishuldari Singh. The two alleged that there was no respect for dedicated workers in the party. Sudhir Kumar, aka Bunty Choudhary, who was the candidate in the previous election in the Sikandra constituency, was present at the press meet.

'Probe needed'

Raising allegations against Mr. Allavaru, Mr. Chhatrapati said, "The Bihar Congress in-charge threatened the State president Rajesh Ram and Congress Legislature Party (CLP) leader Shakeel Ahmed Khan to support him in his wrongdoings."

Mr. Shahi said, "I lost the election only by 113 votes. But people who lost by more votes have been given ticket. We would like an investigation into who did this and why?"

They said that earlier the candidate list was released before ticket was given but now the ticket was given first and then the names were announced.

A few days ago, Congress workers from the Bikram constituency confronted Mr. Allavaru, Mr. Ram and Mr. Khan when they had arrived at the Patna airport, alleging corruption in ticket distribution. All three were seen fleeing the melee as tensions escalated. Mr. Khan was found surrounded by a protesting crowd before he managed to escape in his car.

Amid the tension over ticket distribution, Nabin Kumar of the Rashtriya Janata Dal filed the nomination papers on behalf of two political parties, the RJD and the Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP), to contest from Alamnagar. When asked about it, Mr. Kumar said that he only did what the head of the party told him to and would withdraw one nomination as soon as he got the instruction.

Cong. names five more candidates for Bihar election

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Earlier, the Cong. had released its first list of 48 candidates. Till now, the party has fielded 53 candidates

The Congress Election Committee (CEC) on Saturday released its second list comprising five candidates for the Bihar Assembly election.

The party has named Shashwat Kedar Pandey for the Narkatiaganj seat, Mohammad Qamrul Hoda for Kishanganj, and Mohammad Irfan Alam for Kasba. In Purnea, the party has fielded Jitender Yadav. Mohan Shrivasta is the candidate for the Gaya Town constituency.

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So far, the grand alliance, of which the Congress is a part, has made no official announcement on seat-sharing though the nomination for the first phase of the election ended on Friday.

The grand alliance, also called *Mahagatbandhan*, has fielded candidates against each other in 10 seats. However, the candidates have time till October 23 to withdraw their nominations before the first phase of polling on November 6.

With the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) not committing to a seat-sharing deal, Jharkhand's biggest party, Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), said it will contest the Assembly election on six seats alone.

At a press conference in Ranchi, the party's central general secretary, Supriyo Bhattacharya, said, "We have decided to field candidates in six constituencies in Bihar – Chakai, Dhamdhaha, Katoria, Manihari, Jamui, and Pirpainti. This number could go up to ten as well."

The party announced the names of 20 star campaigners, including Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren and his wife Kalpana Soren, apart from several MLAs.

"We have already discussed our allocated seats with all the alliance partners in Bihar, especially the RJD-Congress high command. But we have not yet received any response. The RJD has not adhered to its alliance principles in Bihar," he said.

INBRIEF

Chhattisgarh HC verdict on forest rights 'dangerous': Cong.

The Congress on Saturday criticised the Chhattisgarh High Court's decision to set aside forest rights granted to a community, calling it a "dangerous" blow to the very foundation of the Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006. In a post on X, Congress general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh said one of the "extraordinary reasons" cited in the ruling was that since the land had earlier been diverted for mining and no legal challenge was made then, no claim for forest rights now survives. "There's no mystery about the beneficiary," he said, adding, "*Modani hai to mumkin hai,*" hinting at Modi-Adani ties.

Soldier posted in Assam saves eight-month-old on train

A soldier posted at a forward hospital on the Arunachal Pradesh-Assam boundary saved an eight-month-old aboard the Rajdhani Express on October 13. The infant had developed sudden respiratory distress and became unresponsive. As the family panicked, the baby's mother fainted. Sepoy Sunil, who was returning to his base from leave and was in the same coach, found that she had no pulse and was not breathing. He initiated paediatric cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and tried mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. After two cycles of CPR, the baby showed signs of life and was evacuated at Rangiya station.

3 Indians killed, five rescued in Mozambique boat accident

Three Indian nationals were killed, one was injured, and five were rescued after a boat accident off the coast of Beira in Mozambique on Thursday, the Indian High Commission said on Saturday. In a social media post, the Indian mission expressed "heartfelt condolences on the loss of lives", and said it is was in touch with the families of the deceased. In another post, the High Commission said a Consular Officer visited an Indian national who survived the accident and was receiving medical attention in a hospital in Beira. The launch boat, carrying crew members of a tanker including 14 Indian nationals, capsized during crew transfer operations. PTI

Eight killed, 15 injured as truck falls into gorge in Maharashtra

At least eight persons were killed and 15 injured when a mini-truck fell into a 200-foot-deep gorge in Nandurbar district of Maharashtra on Saturday, the police said. The accident occurred around 10.30 a.m. in the Chandsaili ghat section within the jurisdiction of the Taloda police station. The mini-truck was returning from a pilgrimage site with nearly 40 persons when its driver lost control of the vehicle, an official said. The injured persons, including the driver, are being treated at the sub-district hospital and Civil Hospital in Nandurbar. A case has been registered against the driver for rash driving, the official said. PTI

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Gudalur's violet revival: the kurinji blooms again

K. Jeshi
COIMBATORE

Gudalur is shrouded in mist and kurinji. These clusters of bell-shaped flowers have burst over the hills after eight years, painting them violet

"What is special is that it has bloomed at Tamil Nadu's newly notified reserve forest in Gudalur, the Nilgiris," says Supriya Sahu, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Environment, Climate Change and Forests. The kurinji is not just a rare flower but also an indicator of climate change. The flowering offers an excellent barometer of the grasslands. Where there are healthy grasslands, there is mass flowering, while disturbances lead to patchy flowering. "When you provide protection and conserve the area, kurinji will certainly bloom and will bring along with it a lot of wildlife," she adds.

Ms. Sahu says the Tamil Nadu government is on a mission to create new forest areas. "In the last four-and-a-half years, over 90 new forests have been notified in Tamil Nadu which is unprecedented. These are legacy projects because they have been notified under the Tamil Nadu Forest Act to increase the green cover of the State," she says. "These flowers have a lot of meaning to the indigenous communities who know the timing of the bloom. It's a fantastic sign of the biodiversity coming back to the area – something the indigenous communities can take pride in."

One of the rarest flowers in the world, the neelakurinji (*Strobilanthes kunthiana*) blooms once every 12 years in the high-altitude grasslands of the Western Ghats. In Gudalur, the mass bloom is of another species of kurinji, *Strobilanthes sessilis,* which blooms once in eight years. Both are grassland species but isolated to different altitudes: neelakurinji occurs in grasslands of altitude above 1,300 metres, and *sessilis* in the lower altitudes.

"Kurinji blooms are fascinating," says E. Kunhikrishnan, an expert on the Western Ghats, adding that there are as many as 60 species of these flowers that are endemic to the Western Ghats and they do not grow anywhere else in the world. "While the neelakurinji is the most famous and charismatic,

Enticing species: *Strobilanthes sessilis* that blooms once in eight years. SATHYAMOORTHY M.

there is karinkurinji that blooms annually and several others that bloom in the periodicity of four years, eight years, 10 years (over 20 species), and 12 years."

The mass flowering often provides a feast for butterflies, honeybees and other insects. The purple flowers hold a large amount of nectar, which especially attract the eastern honeybee. N. Venkatesh Prabhu, District Forest Officer of Gudalur Gene Pool, a key biodiversity conservation site, says "Nadugani is a thriving biodiversity zone with over 100 species of trees endemic to the Western Ghats. Sightings of elephant herds and tigers are common. It is a haven for bird watchers. Hornbills are sighted in good numbers as well as butterfly congregations. Our botanist has documented the kurinji flowering of Nadugani forest cover, which is spread across 600 acres."

According to V. Sundaresan, botanist at Gudalur Gene Pool, the kurinji blooms can be seen in purple, blue, white, or pink colours. "For every single colour, there will be 10 shades varying from dark to light. There are 33 varieties of kurinji in the Nilgiris," he adds.

Mysterious flora

Naturalist A.K. Pradeep from Kottayam in Kerala, who has a neelakurinji named after him (*Strobilanthes pradeepiana*), calls it a deeply mysterious and enticing floral species. He has followed kurinji flowers all the way to Tapti in Gujarat where the Western Ghats taper and to Agasthya mountain ranges in Ponmudi, near Thiruvananthapuram, to photograph and document various species of kurinji. His study over two decades proved that of the 450 kurinji species the world over, 150 were in India. He says, "Endemism is the main characteristic of the kurinji. I have photographed the Munnar hills carpeted by the breathtaking *kunthiana* blooms. Mass blooming is indicative of a healthy grassland and a thriving wildlife."

Mr. Pradeep recalls how in 2011, Udhagamandalam's Doddabeta, where *Strobilanthes homotropa* (that flowers every 10 years) bloomed in thousands, was reduced to a couple of plants in the next season in 2021. "It needs favourable conditions for germination. Climate change, uncontrolled tourism, and growth of invasive species have an adverse impact. The species seen in one area cannot be found in another. This is precisely what makes the kurinji hills a storehouse of organic wealth," Mr. Pradeep says. "In the Nilgiris, Kodaikanal and Munnar, we lost a major part of the grasslands because of the invasion of black wattle, a species we introduced from Australia," says Professor Kunhikrishnan.

Kurinji plants flower only once in a lifetime, a phenomenon seen in certain bamboo species that flowers only once in 40 or 60 years. Once it flowers, its dateline with death is set. The next generation starts from the germination of the seeds. "The gregarious blooms, bring spurts of happiness, and vanish. It's Nature's mystery," he says. Since the plant species is hugely dependent on microclimatic conditions, the blooming is an indicator of its habitat diversity and presence of alpine conditions for its survival. "The blooms help study the ecology, altitude, alpine climate at high elevations near the equator among others. The grasslands are unique, and a quick evolution is happening there. The plant's species diversity indicates its ability to evolve and adapt. These pockets need preserved. Uncontrolled tourism has to be avoided," says Professor Kunhikrishnan.

At IMO, 57 nations vote for delaying framework for carbon-free shipping

Vote on implementation of the framework aimed at moving shipping industry away from fossil fuel has been postponed for a year amid U.S. President's 'outrage'; Trump administration had issued threats against countries that had supported it

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Pressured by the United States, member countries of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) postponed a vote on a strategic plan to move the shipping industry away from the use of fossil fuel and become "net-zero" by 2050.

In April, a sub-committee of the IMO approved a framework to bring in a new fuel standard for ships and a global pricing mechanism for carbon emissions. It was decided then that countries would formally vote in a meeting in October to bring these measures into force beginning 2027.

At that time, 63 countries voted 'yes' (including the 27 European Union members, Brazil, China, India, Canada, the U.K., Korea and Japan) and 16, including the United States, against it.

Contentious issue: In April, a sub-committee of the IMO approved a framework to bring in a new fuel standard for ships. AFP

U.S. threats

While countries such as Saudi Arabia and Russia have been opposed to the framework, the United States administration since then continues to issue explicit threats against countries that had supported the framework.

Ahead of the vote in London on Friday, U.S. President Donald Trump posted on Truth Social: "I am outraged that the International Maritime Organization is voting in London this week to pass a global Carbon Tax. The United States will NOT stand for this Global Green New Scam Tax on Shipping, and will not adhere to it in any way, shape, or form. We will not tolerate increased prices on American Consumers OR, the creation of a Green New Scam Bureaucracy to spend YOUR money on their Green dreams. Stand with the United States, and vote NO in London tomorrow!"

When proceedings began on October 14, deliberations reportedly became fractious. Ultimately, Singapore brought in a proposal to delay a decision for a year. Saudi Arabia proposed a vote. This resulted in 57 countries voting in favour of delay; 49 against it; and 21 not voting.

The Hindu could not confirm which way India voted.

"We regret that IMO members followed Singapore's initial proposal to delay the adoption of the framework by 12 months, which Saudi Arabia called to a vote. This is unacceptable given the urgency we face in light of accelerating climate change," Ralph Regenvanu, Minister for Climate Change, Republic of Vanuatu, who was present at the meeting, said in a statement.

"The IMO's failure to adopt the framework this week marks a failure of this United Nations agency to act decisively on climate change. This makes the road to Bélem and beyond more difficult. But we know that we have international law on our side and will continue to fight for our people and the planet," he added.

Shipping emissions

The 2023 IMO GHG (greenhouse gas) Strategy – the umbrella framework – envisages, in particular, a minimum 40% reduction in carbon intensity of international shipping (to reduce CO_2 emissions per transport work) by 2030.

NHRC notice to check harassment of vendors

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

To ensure smooth business opportunities for roadside vendors, hawkers and pottery makers during the Deepavali festival, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) issued notices to the Chief Secretaries of all States and Union Territories, asking them to prevent the harassment of the groups in the name of encroachment.

In a notice issued on October 17, NHRC member Priyank Kanoongo cited a complainant who alleged that roadside vendors were being subjected to inhumane treatment by municipal authorities. The complaint stated that vendors were being evicted in the name of obstruction of the path for fire brigades and ambulances. The commission directed all District Magistrates and municipal authorities to refrain from such practices.

Women form 49% of total hospital admissions with Ayushman Bharat

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

Women account for 49% of total hospital admissions under the government's flagship health insurance scheme, the Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), according to the annual report for 2024-25 of the National Health Authority. This signals improved access to institutional healthcare for women, the report said.

Haemodialysis was the most availed treatment (14%), followed by multiple packages (7%); treatment for acute febrile illness (4%); acute gastroenteritis, and cataract and related procedures (3%).

The AB-PMJAY, launched in 2018, is among the largest health insurance schemes in the world, aiming to provide a health cover of ₹5 lakh for a family every year. Recently, Odisha and Delhi were onboarded for the scheme's implementation.

Promoting inclusivity: In 2023, the scheme included 37 lakh families of frontline workers. FILE PHOTO

Except West Bengal, 35 States and Union Territories are now under the AB-PMJAY umbrella.

As of March 31, the AB-PMJAY covers 15.14 crore eligible families, with an additional 8.57 crore families under State-specific schemes, the report added.

"So far, over 9.19 crore hospital admissions have been facilitated under AB-PMJAY, with treatment worth ₹1,29,386 crore completed and 31,005 hospitals empanelled, ensuring nationwide accessibility – 55% public, and 45% private," the report said.

It added that under the nationwide Ayushman card saturation drives, over 40.45 crore cards had been issued, covering 14.69 crore families.

The *Aapke Dwar Ayushman* (ADA 3.0) initiative achieved outreach through technology-led, community-based, self-registration campaigns, empowering citizens at the grassroots.

To further facilitate inclusivity, the 2023 interim Budget announced the inclusion of 37 lakh families of frontline workers, including Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs), Anganwadi workers, and Anganwadi helpers, into the AB-PMJAY.

In October 2024, the scheme included all citizens aged 70 and above, irrespective of income or socio-economic status.

Passengers stranded as glitch grounds Air India plane in Milan

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NEW DELHI

Air India passengers returning to India for the Deepavali holidays were stranded after their flight from Milan in Italy to Delhi on Friday was cancelled following a snag.

Young mothers expressed worries about food for their toddlers, and others were concerned about elderly passengers allegedly abandoned at the airport.

The flight (AI 138) was scheduled to take off from Milan at 9 p.m. local time.

No valid visa

At least some passengers have been informed that they will be accommodated on a flight four days later on October 21, leaving them without a valid visa or spare cash.

While some of the passengers were taken to a hotel outside Milan, they were later told by the hotel to check out without notice, one passenger told *The Hindu*.

Seat availability

Air India, in a press statement, said that passengers affected were provided hotel accommodation and were rebooked on alternative flights on or after October 20, based on seat availability with Air India and other airlines.

In one case where a passenger's Schengen visa was due to expire on October 20, the traveller was rebooked on another airline's flight departing Milan on October 19 to ensure compliance with her visa validity.

INBRIEF

On Nov. 9, China Eastern to restart Shanghai-Delhi flights

China Eastern Airlines will restart flights between Shanghai and New Delhi from November 9 with thrice weekly flights, *CCTV* said. They will be operated on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday. DGCA officials say there are also requests from Chinese carriers such as Air China (Beijing-New Delhi flights) and Shandong (Kunming -Delhi flights) for passenger services as well as China Southern (Guangzhou -Delhi) and Sichuan Airline's (Chengdu-Delhi) for cargo services.

Dubai's Emirates NBD to buy $3 billion stake in RBL Bank

Middle Eastern bank Emirates NBD will buy a 60% stake in Indian private lender RBL Bank, according to an exchange notification. Emirates will invest ₹268.53 billion ($3.05 billion) in the bank through a preferential issue of shares, the statement from RBL Bank said. The deal is the largest by a Middle Eastern bank in India, and comes months after Japan's Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation's move to buy up to 25% of Yes Bank. REUTERS

Federal Bank Q2 net drops 9.51% to ₹992 cr. on provisions

Federal Bank reported a 9.51% dip in September quarter consolidated net profit at ₹991.94 crore as provisions surged. The private sector lender had reported a net profit of ₹1,096.25 crore for the year-earlier period. Core net interest income rose 5.4% to ₹2,495 crore. Fresh slippages came at ₹579 crore, up from ₹428 crore in the year-ago period. Overall provisions jumped to ₹397.44 crore from ₹196.14 crore in the year-ago period, which hurt profit growth the most. PTI

HDFC Bank Q2 net profit rises 11% to ₹18,641 crore

Net revenue grew 10.3% to ₹45,900 crore; net interest income rose 4.8% to ₹31,551.5 cr.; provisions and contingencies for Q2 stood at ₹3,500 crore

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

HDFC Bank Ltd, India's largest private sector bank, for the quarter ended September 30, reported a 10.8% year-on-year (YoY) growth in standalone net profit to ₹18,641 crore.

Net revenue grew 10.3% to ₹45,900 crore. Net interest income (interest earned less interest expended) rose 4.8% to ₹31,551.5 crore. Provisions and contingencies for Q2 stood at ₹3,500 crore. Average deposits grew 15.1% YoY to ₹27,10,500 crore. Average advances grew 9% to ₹27,94,600 crore.

Gross advances were at ₹27,69,200 crore, up 9.9%.

Interesting metric: Net interest income (interest earned less interest expended) rose 4.8% to ₹31,551.5 cr. in Q2 FY26. REUTERS

The bank said it's retail loans during the quarter grew 7.4%, small and mid-market enterprises loans 17% and corporate and other wholesale loans 6.4%.

Overseas advances constituted 1.8% of total advances.

Gross NPA remained almost the same at ₹34,289 crore compared with ₹34,251 crore a year ago.

Net NPA during Q2FY26 however rose to ₹11,447 crore compared with ₹10,309 crore, up 11%. The bank's consolidated net profit for Q2FY26 grew 10% YoY to ₹19,610 crore.

IndusInd Bank reports Q2 net loss of ₹4.36 billion

Reuters
MUMBAI

Indian private lender IndusInd Bank reported a net loss for the second quarter on Saturday, in its first earnings report since a new chief executive was appointed as the lender stepped up provisions for bad loans and continued to shrink its business.

The Mumbai-based bank posted a standalone net loss of ₹4.36 billion ($49.56 million) for the three months ended September compared with a profit of ₹13.31 billion a year earlier.

The bank found itself in the midst of a crisis earlier this year as governance and accounting lapses surfaced, leading to the exit of former CEO Sumant Kathpalia and deputy Arun Khurana. The bank took a $230 million hit to its accounts and posted its largest ever loss in the quarter ended March 2025.

ICICI Bank Q2 net up 5.2% to ₹12,359 crore

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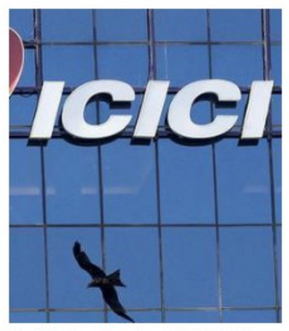

Net NPA ratio stood at 0.39% as at September 30, 2025 versus 0.42% a year earlier.

ICICI Bank Ltd., India's second largest private sector bank, for the second quarter ended September 30, reported 5.2% year-on-year growth in standalone net profit to ₹12,359 crore.

Net interest income (NII) climbed 7.4% to ₹21,529 crore. Net interest margin (NIM) was 4.30%.

Provisions (excluding provision for tax) stood at ₹914 crore compared with ₹1,233 crore a year earlier.

Net domestic advances grew 10.6%. Retail loan portfolio grew 6.6% and comprised 52.1% of the total loan portfolio as at September 30.

Total advances climbed 10.3% to ₹14,08,456 crore while average deposits rose 9.1% to ₹15,57,449 crore. Gross NPA ratio was 1.58% as at September 30, 2025 versus 1.97% a year ago. Net NPA ratio was 0.39% at September 30, 2025 versus 0.42%.

Gross NPA additions in Q2 were ₹5,034 crore versus ₹5,073 crore a year ago.

Recoveries and NPA upgrades, excluding write-offs and sale were ₹3,648 crore (₹3,319 crore). Net additions to gross NPAs, excluding write-offs and sale, were ₹1,386 crore (₹ 1,754 crore). The bank had written-off ₹2,263 crore gross NPAs in Q2 . As at September 30, total provisions, other than specific provisions on fund-based outstanding to borrowers classified as non-performing, amounted to ₹22,620 crore or 1.6% of loans.

UltraTech Cement to spend ₹10,255 crore on expansion

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

UltraTech Cement announced an investment of ₹10,255 crore to expand its cement production capacity by 22.8 mtpa, including that of its subsidiary India Cements Ltd., the company said in a statement.

This expansion, approved by the board of directors, will be executed via a mix of brownfield and greenfield projects.

Kumar Mangalam Birla, chairman, Aditya Birla Group said, "This latest capacity expansion follows more than ₹50,000 crore invested over the past five years, underscoring deep and sustained confidence in the Indian economy and the scale of its infrastructure ambitions," he said.

Commercial production from the new capacities will increase the company's cement capacity to 240.76 million tonne per annum globally.

Punjab National Bank's Q2 net profit climbs 14% to ₹4,904 crore

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Punjab National Bank on Saturday reported a 14% rise in standalone net profit to ₹4,904 crore for September quarter of FY26.

It had logged a profit of ₹4,303 crore in the year-ago period, the state-owned lender said.

Operating profit in July-September was at ₹7,227 crore and ₹14,308 crore in April-September (H1) FY26, recording a growth of 5.46% and 6.51% respectively year-on-year (YoY).

Total income in the second quarter was at ₹36,214 crore and ₹73,445 crore in H1FY26, clocking a YoY growth of 5.1% and 10.3%, respectively.

Net interest income increased to ₹21,047 crore in H1FY26 from ₹20,993 crore in H1FY25, showing an improvement of 0.26%.

Gross NPA ratio improved by 103 basis points to 3.45% as of September.

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The most ancient Indian wolf is set to be a new species

Divya Gandhi

A discreet, charismatic denizen of scrubland and grasslands, the Indian wolf (*Canis lupus pallipes*), whose population has dwindled to just around 3,000 individuals in India and Pakistan, is likely to be classified as a new species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

The Indian wolf was first placed within the umbrella genus of the grey wolf that roamed swathes of Asia. However, it has the oldest living lineage of the world's wolves.

The canine has also been listed as "vulnerable", bringing it much-needed attention as well as incentives to protect it and conserve its rapidly shrinking habitat.

This animal faces many threats, Y.V. Jhala, former dean of the Wildlife Institute of India and now a senior scientist of the Indian National Science Academy, explained. They are poisoned for preying on livestock, their natural prey base is vastly depleted in its fragile habitat, and the semi-arid areas they inhabit are destroyed by highways and renewable energy projects, Dr. Jhala told *The Hindu*.

"A den site I studied in Kutch is now engulfed by the Adani Solar Farm."

The wolf's persecution is curious, as they aren't known to attack humans. "There have been two recent spates of wolf-human conflict, one in 1996 and the other last year in Bahraich district [in Uttar Pradesh]," Dr. Jhala said.

According to reports, since September, six people, including four children, were killed and 30 others were injured in wolf attacks in Bahraich. Meanwhile, almost the entire pack was shot to death.

"There has been a call for over two decades to have it be declared a distinct species," Abi Vanak, director of the Centre for Policy Design at the Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology, Bengaluru, told *The Hindu*.

'Best models'

"The Indian wolf is already under Schedule 1 of the Wildlife Protection Act. The wolf, like the bustards and other denizens of the open natural ecosystems, do not need strict protected areas. Rather they serve as the best models for coexistence, and this is what needs to be incentivised. With the downgrading of the wolf to 'vulnerable' (I don't call it upgrading), hopefully more international attention and funds can flow towards its conservation, and the protection of its habitats."

Going forward, Dr. Jhala said, it's important to acknowledge the IUCN assessment by developing a national policy and management plan for the unique, ancient Indian wolf.

Microbial link between arsenic in soil, lower rice yield uncovered

New research reveals that rice paddy microbes, and not soil arsenic levels alone, dictate arsenic toxicity and crop losses; managing microbial balance may thus be key to protecting the yield and its safety

Ashmita Gupta

Research published in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* recently has warned that the type of microbes in rice paddies can determine whether arsenic, a notorious carcinogen and plant toxin, builds up in rice grains and triggers drastic crop losses.

The study has identified an important balance between arsenic-methylating bacteria, which convert inorganic arsenic into the toxic organic forms, versus demethylating archaea, which can undo this process. Where the methylating bacteria dominate, rice plants absorb the compound dimethylarsinic acid (DMA) and its more toxic derivative, dimethylated monothioarsenate (DMMTA). These compounds pose health risks to humans as well as induce straighthead disease.

"Straighthead needs to be considered as a physiological disorder rather than a disease in the absence of any infectious agent," rice pathologist Sridhar Ranganathan, who wasn't involved in the study, said.

"The symptoms are erect panicles with unfilled grains, often remaining green. Due to empty grains affecting the weight of the panicles, the ear-bearing tillers don't droop down and remain green and upright, as can be seen with unaffected healthy plants bearing normally filled matured grains in which the plants droop down showing symptoms of initiation of senescence of the leaves and the grains."

While long dismissed as a local agronomic issue, straighthead disease is now recognised as a global threat. In parts of the US and China, farmers have reported significant outbreaks, often in newly established or rotated paddies. West Bengal in India and Bangladesh have also previously reported straighthead disease.

The condition can result in up to 70% yield losses in severely affected areas. It occurs even when the total arsenic level in the soil is relatively low because the real problem is arsenic speciation, i.e. the chemical form arsenic takes in the soil and plant. The new study has found that the microbial communities that dominate in the paddies determine this speciation. The research team, led by Peng Wang at Nanjing Agricultural University in China, analysed rice paddies of different ages in China, unearthing a surprising pattern. Soils younger than 700 years were dominated by arsenic-methylating bacteria, so the rice grown there accumulated more DMA and DMMTA and the fields were more prone to straighthead disease outbreaks. Soils older than 700 years had more demethylating archaea, which broke down DMA and reduced the compounds' buildup.

The researchers combined these field data with controlled soil incubation tests, genetic analyses, and a global survey of 801 paddy soil microbiomes. Eventually, they identified 11 methylating microbes and six demethylating archaea whose abundance could accurately predict arsenic risk.

In the paper, the team also reported that newly cultivated paddy regions like the U.S., southern Europe, and northeast China showed high ratios of methylating to demethylating microbes, rendering them particularly vulnerable to straighthead outbreaks. Ancient rice-growing regions had stronger demethylating communities instead. When the ratio of methylating to demethylating microbes exceeded 1.5, the risk of straighthead disease was found to rise sharply.

India is the world's second-largest producer and consumer of rice. While much of the farming occurs in old, legacy paddies with relatively balanced microbial communities, several States have had new or reclaimed paddy fields established in the last few decades. These fields may be at greater risk, per the new study.

Experts said the research also intersects with climate change. Higher temperatures and altered flooding regimes are expected to increase the soils' arsenic content (whether from natural sources or anthropogenic), and could tip the microbial balance towards the more harmful varieties. For a country where rice contributes nearly 40% of the population's caloric intake, the crop's safety and productivity are crucial.

Dr. Ranganathan said that even if the crop can't be saved in a single cropping season, agronomic interventions can mitigate risks. According to the research paper, draining the rice fields midseason can 'suppress' the methylating microbes by reintroducing oxygen into the soils. Silicon fertilisation has also been known to reduce rice plants' arsenic uptake. He also said crop rotation strategies can be adjusted to avoid destabilising microbial communities.

At the policy level, the findings highlight the need to monitor arsenic speciation, and not just total arsenic levels, as part of food safety regulations. Current standards, including those of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation's 'Codex Alimentarius', focus on inorganic arsenic, leaving gaps around methylated species like DMMTA.

Ashmita Gupta is a science writer

Many insects are moving from taboo to the table

SPEAKING OF SCIENCE

D. Balasubramanian

We depend on insects in many ways for producing food for the world's population. They pollinate our crop plants, break down decaying plant and animal matter, and are natural pest controllers. We also consume honey from honeybees.

Insects are all around us. However, many of us would be reluctant to indulge in entomophagy, to eat insects or their larvae. One reason for this is probably neophobia, the fear of trying out anything new.

At the same time, humans are currently worried about the overexploitation of the planet. There is a need for foods that provide high-quality calories without consuming large amounts of natural resources. Insects fit the bill. Their protein content is typically 40% by dry weight, the fat content 20-30%, and they also have minerals like potassium and iron.

Nearly a fourth of the world's population already eats edible insects. Some insects are regarded as delicacies. Mexican escamole, known as the "caviar of the desert", tastes like richly buttered baby corn but is the fried pupae and larvae of the velvety tree ant. The chef Sheril Kirshenbaum discussed tasteful insect menus in a 2023 episode of 'Serving Up Science' on PBS.

In India, edible insects are consumed among Indigenous communities in the Northeast States, Odisha, and in the Western Ghats. The practice is rooted in

Edible palm weevil larvae at a traditional food market in Puerto Francisco de Orellana, Ecuador. GETTY IMAGES

nutritional needs, cultural habits, and folk medicine. Tribal and rural populations in the Northeast reputedly consume more than 100 edible insect species for their protein, and they are also sold in local markets. Fried, roasted, or cooked, certain beetles, moths, hornets, and water bugs are preferred – although flies are not.

Collecting insects from nature may not be sustainable, as insect populations may be depleted. Some groups have thus taken up semi-domestication, where insects and their larvae are nurtured and harvested by humans.

Ethnobiologists at the Nagaland University in Lumami have been studying traditional methods of insect farming and how they can be adapted to cultivating new species.

The Chakhesang and Angami tribes of Nagaland and Manipur consider the Asian giant hornet a delicacy, including roasted adults and fried larvae. This hornet is now semi-domesticated. Its cultivation begins by locating a nest, which is transported to a 1-metre-deep rearing pit that is loosely filled with soil. The empty nest is anchored to a pole just above the pit and covered with loose soil. A queen soon arrives with worker hornets, which begin enlarging the nest below the ground. The result is a large multilayered structure resembling an inverted pyramid. For the harvest, adult hornets are smoked out and the larvae are extracted.

Tribal groups around the Annamalai Hills in Tamil Nadu use weaver ants as a culinary and medicinal resource. Leaf nests containing eggs, larvae, and adults are roasted and then stone-ground to create a spiced soup. Similar preparations utilising the nests of other wasps, termites, and bees are also consumed as health supplements to alleviate respiratory and gastrointestinal ailments.

The World Health Organization has opined that insects in diets may be the key to achieving sustainable food production. Insect processing strategies may make them more acceptable. Grasshopper, locusts, and cricket powder (or flour) are now used as a protein supplement. As dietary trends evolve, as we get used to dryland millets and grow curious about lab-grown meats, we may well have insects on our plates soon.

This article has been coauthored with Sushil Chandani

SNAPSHOTS

Did lead offer humans a survival advantage?

A study has reported that exposure to lead among hominids dates back over 2 million years. Researchers found traces of lead in fossil teeth from *Australopithecus africanus*, *Paranthropus robustus*, *Homo neanderthalensis*, and others. Tests revealed lead disrupted neural development when a now-extinct version of the *NOVA1* gene was absent. The findings suggest lead exposure may have shaped neurological and social traits, with the modern human variant of *NOVA1* possibly providing more protection.

Study recreates mean sea level over 4.5M years

Researchers have reconstructed the global mean sea level over the last 4.5 million years using oxygen isotope data from marine sediments. They reported that the levels 4.5-3 million years ago were around 20 m higher than today. Some 3-2.5 million years ago they dropped as the ice ages intensified. The study concluded that the familiar 100,000-year ice age cycles developed not from changes in the earth's orbit but from internal climate feedbacks.

Ants' defence against disease includes the nest

Black garden ants (*Lasius niger*) change their nest structure to limit the spread of disease, a behaviour its discoverers have called "architectural immunity". When ants were exposed to a fungal pathogen, they built nests with entrances farther apart and tunnels arranged in ways that reduced contact. The ants also placed chambers holding the brood in less connected areas, further reducing risk. The study suggests ants use their built environment as part of a collective immune system.

Question Corner

Undulating field

Why does the earth's magnetic field have 'weak spots'?

Researchers analysed data from the European Space Agency's 'Swarm' mission and recently reported that the South Atlantic Anomaly, the region of weakest intensity in the earth's magnetic field, has expanded since 2014. Today, according to the data, it covers about 0.9% more of the earth's surface than it did in 2014. The field has weak spots because the molten iron and nickel circulating in the earth's outer core don't move uniformly. Their motion generates the field in a process called the geodynamo. Since the flow is uneven, there are regions where the magnetic flux is concentrated and others where it spreads out. The earth's field is reorganised as the fluid core moves, and the weak regions can expand, shrink or migrate over decades without threatening the planet's overall magnetic shield or indicating a magnetic reversal. Indeed, the study's authors have stressed that despite the Anomaly's apparent expansion, there is no reason for alarm since such changes are part of the natural variation of the geomagnetic field.

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What are the new PF withdrawal guidelines?

Why have the norms been changed? What has been the response? Why are Opposition parties opposing it?

A.M. Jigeesh

The story so far:
A meeting of the Central Board of Trustees (CBT) of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) held in Delhi on October 13 announced a number of measures for partial withdrawal of PF funds, which the government claimed was to enhance the "ease of living" of an EPFO subscriber.

What are the new provisions?
The CBT approved the merger of "13 complex provisions" for withdrawal into a single, streamlined rule under three categories – essential needs (illness, education, marriage), housing needs and special circumstances. Till now, a member could withdraw only the employee contribution to the PF and its interest ranging from 50-100%. Now, the member can withdraw from the employer contribution as well. The decision faced flak from Opposition parties, trade unions and even employers' organisations. Though employees can withdraw up to 100% of the eligible balance in the PF including employee and employer share during their service, a new provision has been made that 25% of the contributions in an account should be maintained as minimum balance at all times. The CBT also decided to change the conditions for availing premature final settlement. If a person is leaving the job, he/she cannot withdraw the full PF amount within two months as is the norm now. Now the person can withdraw the amount only after 12 months. The final pension can be withdrawn only after 36 months, from the present two months. "75% of the amount can be withdrawn immediately after leaving the job, and the full amount can be withdrawn after being unemployed for one year," the government said.

The government argues that the new rules will ensure a better final Provident Fund settlement, but trade union activists point out that the new provisions will 'dismantle' the safety net

What is the government's argument?
The government said that frequent withdrawals earlier caused breaks in service, leading to rejection of many pension cases. It argues that at the time of final settlement, employees were left with very little money. "The above provisions will ensure continuity of the employee's service, a better final PF settlement amount, and financial security for the family," the government said. The government also claimed that it will help the member to enjoy the higher rate of interest offered by the EPFO along with compounding benefits to accumulate a high value retirement corpus. Earlier, withdrawal for marriage or house purchase was allowed only after 5-7 years and the government said now it can be done after just one year. "Withdrawal limits for education or illness have also been made more flexible. Additionally, in any special circumstances or emergencies, the full eligible amount can be withdrawn up to twice a year without any questions asked," it said.

What is the Opposition saying?
Opposition MPs Manickam Tagore and Saket Gokhale said in separate statements that the Centre is being cruel to pensioners and EPFO subscribers. "Pensioners and job-losers are being punished for needing their own savings...," Mr. Tagore said on social media. Both MPs held that the new rules are not for the benefit of workers as the worker will have to wait to get access to his or her hard-earned savings. Mr. Gokhale called the new rule "draconian" and said persons who lose their jobs will not be able to meet their expenses for a full year when their PF withdrawal is blocked.

What is the position of trade unions?
The All-India Trade Union Congress General Secretary, Amarjeet Kaur, demanded scrapping of the rules. "Financial prudence in the face of privation is a rude joke played on the unemployed," she said. She said 87% of the EPFO members have less than ₹1 lakh and 50% of them hold only less than ₹20,000, as per EPFO's own data. "The low levels of financial stability are directly attributed to the low wages of majority members. This being the case, holding back 25% of the savings as minimum balance is nothing but preying on the weak," she alleged. K.E. Raghunathan, former member of the CBT representing employers, said the new rules are deeply concerning and regressive. According to him, PF savings are not meant to be treated as recurring deposits for short-term liquidity. "They are structured to provide dignity and financial protection at the end of a worker's career. By allowing repeated full withdrawals, we risk leaving millions with negligible retirement savings and no fallback when income ceases," he said, adding that the decision is not empowerment– it is erosion. "The temptation to withdraw will rise, and the long-term consequences will be irreversible. We are effectively dismantling the safety net that generations have relied upon," he added.

How are India-Taliban relations changing?

Is India's Afghanistan policy changing? What did the Muttaqi visit achieve? With India deciding to reopen its embassy in Kabul, is it inching closer to recognising a Taliban-led government? Did the restrictions imposed on women by the Taliban come up during talks?

Suhasini Haidar

The story so far:
The Indian government framed the visit by Acting Foreign Minister of Afghanistan, Amir Khan Muttaqi, and the warm welcome it extended to the Taliban leader, as an outreach to the "people of Afghanistan". The visit coincided with violent clashes on the Afghanistan-Pakistan border.

How has India grown links with the Taliban?
After years of being seen as "too slow" to engage with the Taliban, the government has gone to considerable lengths in recent months to build ties with the group that controls Afghanistan. In January this year, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri made the first such contact, meeting Mr. Muttaqi in Dubai, and discussed increasing trade between both countries. On May 16, just days after the India-Pakistan conflict ended in a ceasefire, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar spoke to Mr. Muttaqi over the telephone, thanking Afghanistan for its support and condolences over the Pahalgam terror attack. In August, India approached the UN Security Council to request permission from its Sanctions Committee for a visit by the Taliban FM to India. Mr. Muttaqi is on the UNSC's consolidated sanctions list since January 2001, and requires a waiver to travel internationally. The request was denied, but when the request was repeated a month later, it came through, allowing the visit from October 9 to 16. India doesn't recognise the "Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan", as the Taliban that took control of Kabul in 2021 renamed it. Even so, Mr. Jaishankar met Mr. Muttaqi with full protocol and held delegation-level meetings with him at the official venue, Hyderabad House, and the visitor was accorded security and hospitality any other foreign minister would receive.

The Afghan side joined India in condemning terrorism in the region

Changing ties: External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and his Afghan counterpart Amir Muttaqi during a meeting in New Delhi on October 10. AFP

What transpired during the talks?
During the talks, Mr. Jaishankar announced India's plans to upgrade its technical mission in Kabul to an embassy, and is expected to appoint diplomats to be posted there shortly. He also handed over the keys to 20 ambulances being donated to Afghanistan, and promised health infrastructure projects, water projects and humanitarian aid. For its part, the Afghan side joined India in condemning terrorism in the region and committed that it would not allow Afghan soil to be used by groups inimical to India. In 2022, UN reports said Jaish-e-Mohammad and Lashkar-e-Taiba maintained camps in Eastern Afghan provinces.

Why has cooperation been enhanced?
Mr. Muttaqi's visit began just as clashes broke out between Pakistan and Afghanistan. Pakistan launched airstrikes on Kabul in retaliation for terror attacks by the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) that Pakistan claims is sheltered by the Taliban. The timing suggests India is getting closer to its "enemy's enemy" in an effort to upset Pakistan with a pincer movement months after Operation Sindoor, but there are many other reasons for such an outreach. The first is to neutralise any threat from the Taliban in an increasingly volatile neighbourhood, with governments losing power to protesters; India losing stable partners in South Asia; and China making inroads. Another reason is to build connectivity for trade as land routes are closed. Pakistan refuses to allow transit trade, and the U.S. has now re-imposed sanctions for projects at Iran's Chabahar port, which was being developed by India as an alternate route. In the broader Eurasian region, Russia has officially recognised the Taliban government, the first country to do so, and others like China, Pakistan, Iran, Gulf and the Central Asian states, that have already allowed Taliban embassies, could follow. India cannot afford to be cut out. India has also maintained that working with the regime in power is the only way for it to continue its humanitarian aid to Afghan men and women, and to secure more than $3 billion in investments that it made between 2001-2021, when the Taliban was out of power. Four years since it took over, the Taliban regime appears stable, with little political or insurgent opposition to its control of the country, and has been able to impose a very strict form of the Islamic Sharia law, that prohibits women from education, work, forces them into burkhas, and bans them from public parks and buildings.

Despite the situation, Mr. Jaishankar's opening remarks and the joint statement contained no mention of the restrictions on women, another indicator that New Delhi has decided that the Taliban is here to stay for the foreseeable future.

Is India preparing to recognise the Taliban?
The rapid growth of Delhi's ties with the Taliban, and the setting up of an embassy in Kabul, have raised speculation that India could, like Russia, break with the UN and western countries to give recognition to the Taliban government. This may seem unlikely soon, but much will depend on the next steps New Delhi takes, and the seniority level at which it establishes the embassy. Mr. Muttaqi said once Indian diplomats are sent to Kabul, he expects India to receive Taliban-appointed diplomats in Delhi. This will be significant, as thus far the Afghanistan embassy in Delhi has remained loyal to the previous democratically-elected Islamic Republic of Afghanistan government. As a result, they resisted Mr. Muttaqi's visit to the embassy, and at the two press conferences he held there, tried unsuccessfully, to stop the Taliban delegation from placing the black and white flags of the Emirate there. The black, green and red tricolour of the Republic is still hoisted at the front of the embassy for now, but India's decision to upgrade missions has cast a cloud over its future and that of the staff members there, who now fear for their lives. The Ministry of External Affairs did not protest when Mr. Muttaqi held a press conference on October 10, inviting nearly 20 journalists, all male, to the embassy. However, after public outrage, the Taliban delegation held a second press conference, inviting all journalists without restrictions. There, they faced hard questions on the condition of women, although Mr. Muttaqi maintained that women were "free" and girls were receiving an education in religious madrassas, statements which are clearly untrue.

Can a Taliban led-Afghanistan go from being India's enemy's enemy and become a friend?
India has much to gain from a friendly government in Kabul, with influence based on its historic friendship with the Afghan people during the 2001-2021 period. India was Afghanistan's first strategic partner; built an air corridor to increase bilateral trade; and worked on a number of development and infrastructure projects there. While the Taliban's current conflict with Pakistan will only enhance New Delhi's role, it must be remembered that the Taliban in power now have had very close ties with Pakistan's military in the past. In addition, the Taliban leadership in Kabul and Kandahar have differences, and as Afghanistan's economy continues to suffer, they may face challenges to the regime's control. For India, building a tactical relationship with Kabul is vital, but a friendship based on shared values and common worldviews seem impossible at present.

Why do elephants face a jumbo challenge?

What has the latest study thrown up? Why was the census conducted across four landscapes? Which are the best habitats for elephants? What are some of the issues the elephant population has to encounter? What can be done about elephant-human conflicts?

Rahul Karmakar

The story so far:
The Wildlife Institute of India (WII) released its report, the 'Status of Elephants in India', on October 14. The estimation of 22,446 elephants across four landscapes elicited comparison with the 2017 figure of 29,964, although the report said the DNA-based method, used for the first time to estimate elephants, "may be treated as a new monitoring baseline for further research".

Why was the new methodology adopted?
The first elephant population estimation was conducted in 1929 across the forests of the United Province, comprising present-day Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. Estimates till 1978 relied on the direct total count method, involving the averaging of figures obtained from three direct visual counts conducted at 10-day intervals at the forest beat level. The inception of Project Elephant in 1992 led to a shift in population estimation practices every five years, employing diverse methods, including total count, tracking-based total count, registration count, water hole count, sample count, transect count, and dung count. The choice of method varied across sites for elephant population monitoring, making comparison difficult. The Synchronised Elephant Census was conducted in 2005, 2010, and 2017, using total (direct) count, sample block count, line transect dung (indirect) count, and waterhole count. The limitations of this method led to the Synchronous All-India Elephant Estimation (SAIEE) method for 2021-25.

The study points to rapid fragmentation of elephant habitats

Numbering exercise: Karnataka harbours the highest number of wild elephants. It is also one of the hotspots of human-elephant conflict. M.A. SRIRAM

What is SAIEE 2021-25?
Asian elephants (*Elephas maximus*) occupy a fraction of their historical range in the Indian subcontinent. The last pre-SAIEE estimate in 2017 put their number at 29,964, down by 87 from the 2012 count. Now, the SAIEE has revealed that there are 22,446 elephants, a drastic drop of 7,518 over eight years. However, wildlife experts from WII and State Forest Departments advised against any comparison because the new programme sought to eliminate the drawbacks of the previous methods and could not be undertaken in areas such as the Andaman Islands (25 elephants in 2017), primarily due to a low budget. They said the SAIEE data would serve as the baseline for estimation using the method in future. SAIEE entailed dividing India into 100 sq. km cells and then into 4 sq. km grids, each uniquely coded so that subsequent inferences could be compared on the same spatial scale and extent. Enumerators surveyed 6,66,977 km on foot covering 1,88,030 trails and transects, and collected 21,056 elephant dung samples during the three-phase exercise. The focus of the first phase was on data collection with these components: carnivore and mega-herbivore sign encounters, ungulate (hoofed animals) abundance, vegetation status, human disturbance, and dung counts. Phase Two involved assessing habitat characteristics and anthropogenic impacts, such as vegetation cover, forest patch size, human footprint etc. Phase Three emphasised spatially explicit abundance estimation, with human impact and habitat characteristics factored in.

How have the landscapes fared?
The study was conducted across four elephant-bearing landscapes. The Western Ghats landscape encompassing Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu accounted for 11,934 elephants, which is 53.17% of the all-India estimate. Karnataka led the chart with 6,013 elephants, followed by Tamil Nadu with 3,136 and Kerala with 2,785 elephants. The North Eastern Hills and Brahmaputra Flood Plains, comprising seven (minus Sikkim) northeastern States and northern West Bengal, offered the second-best habitat with 22.22% of India's elephants. Assam topped the table here with 4,159 elephants. The other two landscapes – Shivalik Hills and Gangetic Plains (Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, and Bihar) and Central India and Eastern Ghats comprising seven States, including Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Telangana, Odisha, and southern West Bengal – recorded 9.18% and 8.42% of the country's total elephants. Uttarakhand recorded the most elephants (1,792) in these two landscapes, followed by Odisha with 912.

What does the study portend?
The study points to rapid fragmentation of elephant landscapes due to expanding commercial plantations (coffee and tea), invasive plants, farmland fencing, human encroachment, mining, and developmental projects. This fragmentation has prompted elephants to venture into areas devoid of the animal for at least 200 years, resulting in conflicts with humans lacking cultural coexistence experience and posing a threat to elephant populations. A case in point is Andhra Pradesh to which herds migrated from three adjoining States. The first herd moved from the Hosur-Dharmapuri forests of Tamil Nadu to Kuppam and Palamaner Forest Divisions of Chittoor district in 1980. More elephants from Tamil Nadu and Bannerghatta in Karnataka migrated between 1983 and 1986. While Karnataka harbours the highest number of wild elephants in India, it is also one of the major hotspots for human-elephant conflict. For instance, the contiguous forests of Nagarhole, Bandipur, and BRT Hills face threats from frequent forest fires, development projects and plantations of acacia and eucalyptus. Similar issues have escalated human-elephant conflicts in Kerala. Tamil Nadu's most critical habitats are the Nilgiris and Coimbatore Forest Division, where conflicts have claimed 150 human and 170 elephant lives so far. Experts underscore the need to engage with communities for sensitisation campaigns in elephant-occupied areas and newly colonised places.

PROFILES

From backroom to ballot

Prashant Kishor

The former political strategist, whose Jan Suraaj Party is contesting the coming Assembly elections in Bihar, seeks to disrupt the existing bipolar equations of the State and emerge as a new force

Nistula Hebbar

Prashant Kishor, 48, political strategist-turned-leader of the Jan Suraaj Party (JSP), is a public figure about whom much is known and seen, yet with every new assignment or stage in his career, something more is revealed. As an unknown wag once said, "why pay money to have your family tree traced; go into politics and your opponents will do it for you." Mr. Kishor is now in politics, neck deep.

For starters, political observers came to know of Mr. Kishor as one of the figures behind the Citizens for Accountability and Governance (C&AG), an organisation actively involved in the political campaign of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in 2014, the election that saw the emergence of Narendra Modi, then Gujarat Chief Minister, on the national stage. At that time, the concept of a political strategist working parallel to the party cadre with a close working relationship with the political principal was new. Mr. Kishor was described as a former employee at a UN body abroad connected to public health policy, with an interest in politics that fuelled his move back to India. Novel campaign outreaches such as the '*chai pe charcha*' (chats over tea) were credited to Mr. Kishor and his team.

As the BJP settled into governance after the 2014 victory, and Mr. Kishor found himself at odds with a party organisation that did not seem to have any space for him and his ideas, he exited the BJP's system, and became close to Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, who proudly declared his association with Mr. Kishor as the return of the prodigal son. Mr. Kishor, who hails from Bihar, worked with the Mahagathbandhan (an alliance of the Janata Dal (United), the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and the Congress, which beat the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in the 2015 Assembly polls.

A child of a physician and a homemaker, Prashant Kishor, hailing from Bihar's Rohtas, did his early education in Buxar, and later in Hyderabad. After studies, he moved abroad to work with the UN, before returning to India as a political consultant. He founded, along with a few old colleagues, the Indian Political Action Committee (IPAC), a political strategy firm, which brought in a monumental shift in the way Indians saw their political parties organise and fight elections.

The Mahagathbandhan's victory in the Bihar elections saw not only the rise of the industry of political strategy firms, but also revealed, for the first time, a glimmer of front office political ambition in Mr. Kishor. He was appointed vice-president of the Janata Dal (U), while at the same time being a strategist for political clients. He handled the Congress in Uttar Pradesh in 2017 (not a victorious outcome), and went on to engage the YSRCP in Andhra Pradesh in 2019, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in 2020 and the Trinamool Congress and the DMK in 2021.

Things between Mr. Kishor and Nitish Kumar, however, did not continue to be rosy, with the final fall-out happening in 2020, when Mr. Kishor openly criticised the Chief Minister on his support for the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), which was being pushed by the Modi government at the Centre. Harsh words were exchanged and indiscipline and intrigues were alleged, but some aspects of Mr. Kishor's ideological bent amid the heterodoxy of his client list was revealed in that exchange.

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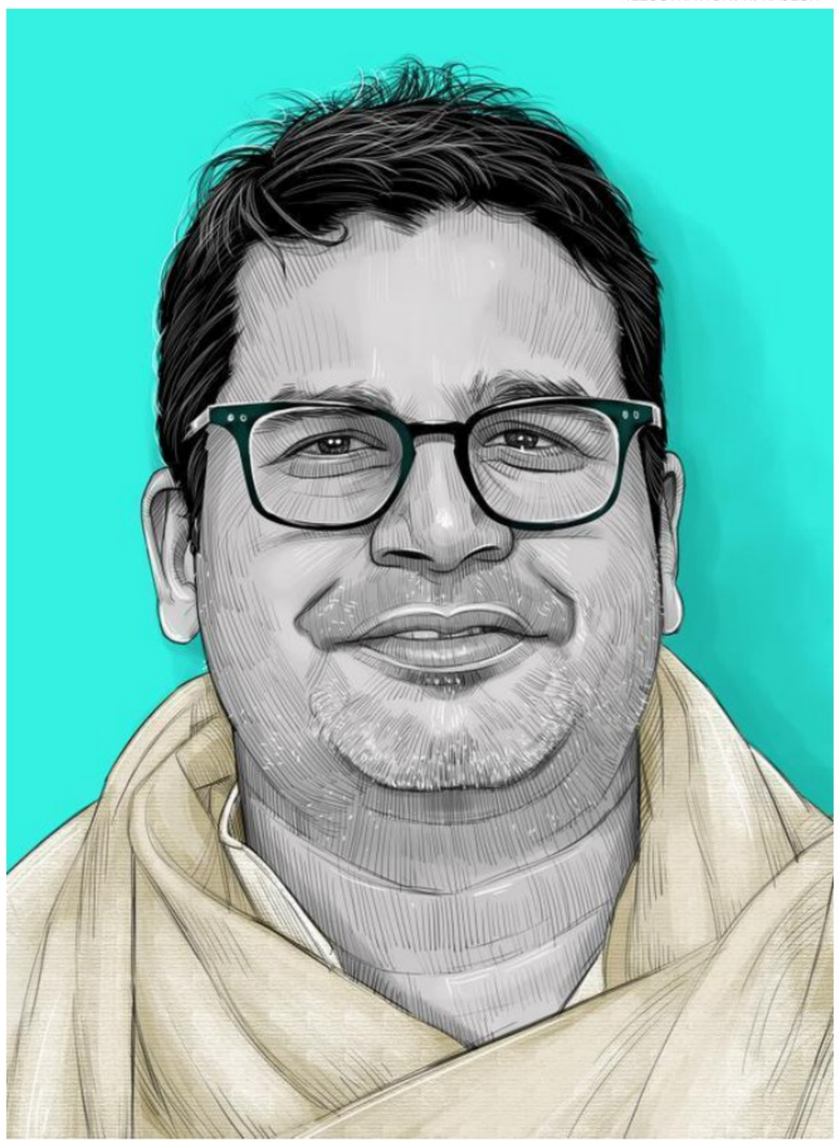

Out of the backroom

It was after the 2021 polls in West Bengal and Tamil Nadu, where Mr. Kishor aided the Trinamool and the DMK to victory, that he made the decision to make the leap from backroom political strategy to forming his own party. In an interview to *The Hindu* recently, he explained his thinking at that time. "The trigger point was the COVID pandemic. At that time, I was involved in elections in [West] Bengal and Tamil Nadu, and I felt helpless that despite all the network, power, resources that I had, I felt that I could not be of any help to anybody. It also made me realise that a lot of the talk of good governance in Bihar is hollow. That almost 5 million people got into trouble, had to walk back to Bihar. That's the time I thought I should go back to Bihar. And the proof of this is that the day the Trinamool won Bengal, May 2, 2021, I announced that I'm quitting what I was doing," he said.

His modus operandi thereafter was one of exploring the political field. He undertook a two-year tour across Bihar, and reached out to the Congress. His first idea, he said, was to work with the Congress, to devise a plan for six States of North India where the Congress was diminishing, and revive the pre-independence role of the Congress as an outlet for anyone who wants to contribute to public affairs. "Just as during the freedom movement, anyone, from those who wanted to agitate on the streets to those boycotting foreign goods and spinning the charkha, said they were part of the Congress, the party should mean that in governance terms," Mr. Kishor said. "We, however, failed to take the leap of faith," he added. The Congress leadership pored over a presentation made by him and later decided not to participate.

This brings us to October 2024, when, with lakhs of sign-ups, the Jan Suraaj Party (JSP) was launched in Patna. Leaders said they would contest the 2025 Assembly polls in Bihar. It revealed a journey of political alternatives. But detractors reminded the newly-founded party that the leader's full name is Prashant Kishor Pandey, alluding that his identity (that of a Brahmin) would be a detriment within the social justice politics of the State.

'Development politics'

Mr. Kishor's navigation of Indian politics has revealed both his ascribed and acquired identities and his views. As a vocal face of the JSP, he has been at the forefront of articulating the party's ideology and plans for what he termed "development politics". What is still unknown, however, are two things – whether his party, now in the electoral fray, will be a disruptor of the two decades of Bihar's bipolar political equations and whether his refusal to fight the polls as a candidate has wrecked or aided that project. Mr. Kishor is upbeat about the chances of his party, and dismissive of the criticism that the JSP "is a spoiler party". "When people say, *vote katwa* (spoiler) party, they think that they are using it as an abuse to us, I say, yes, we are, but we are cutting so many votes of both sides (NDA and INDIA bloc) that they will be finished, he told *The Hindu*.

For someone who has disrupted the backroom of political campaigning in India, entering the electoral fray without a political legacy to bank upon, Prashant Kishor continues to be a fascinating chapter of India's democracy.

THE GIST

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Chinese whispers

Ashley J. Tellis

The South Asia expert is now accused of keeping in his private custody around 1,000 pages of documents marked 'TOP SECRET' and 'SECRET'

Varghese K. George

The line that divides the deep state and the anti-national is terrifyingly thin, the arrest of strategic affairs expert Ashley J. Tellis by the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) suggests. True, the FBI has said that being charged does not mean he is guilty, but regardless of how the case turns out, Mr. Tellis has his reputation, built over a lifetime, smirched overnight.

This was in the making for several years, the FBI has told the court. Mr. Tellis was under surveillance since 2022, it turns out. To begin with, Mr. Tellis had access to a lot of state secrets of the U.S., and perhaps everyone who has such access might be under some surveillance. Actors in the hazy world of spycraft and secret wars of nation states are aware that they are all by themselves if something goes wrong. The U.S. Justice Department documents are sketchy about the alleged crime, but they sound to suggest that Mr. Tellis shared secret government files with Chinese contacts, and received something in return from them. Mr. Tellis has been released on bond, and his lawyers have told *AFP* that they would be "vigorously contesting" the charges against him.

Mr. Tellis has held a series of senior positions in the U.S. administration, and was an unpaid consultant with the State Department when he was arrested. Aligned with the Republican Party in the U.S., his most consequential role possibly was at the White House of George W. Bush. At the National Security Council (NSC), as Special Assistant to Mr. Bush and Senior Director for Strategic Planning and Southwest Asia, Mr. Tellis played a key role in reshaping the South Asia policy of the U.S., and particularly contributed to the U.S.-India Civil Nuclear Agreement, which was concluded in 2008. That was a turning point in the India-U.S. relations.

Scholarship and policy

Scholarship tailored to suit political and economic interest is far from a scandal now, particularly in international relations. Independent thinking is rarely incentivised in strategic expertise while advocates of particular positions occupy positions of influence. The rise of Mr. Tellis as someone who could easily straddle policy and scholarship in the U.S. corresponded with the dominant bipartisan thinking about India and China.

He became the key proponent of expansive India-U.S. relations over the past two decades. He wanted U.S. primacy in world affairs to last and China's rise balanced, and placed India in that context from the U.S. vantage. Mr. Tellis championed India under Manmohan Singh and Narendra Modi for many years, but in recent years, he turned an India-sceptic, citing the weakening of democratic processes.

His books and monographs represent deep and nuanced scholarship but not always beyond possible conflict of interest. While holding the Tata Chair for Strategic Affairs at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Mr. Tellis advocated F-16 planes for the IAF. Tata and Boeing, the makers of F-16, are in a partnership.

Mr. Tellis is now accused of keeping in his private custody around 1,000 pages of documents marked 'TOP SECRET' and 'SECRET.' The documents were reportedly stored in various locations, including filing cabinets and trash bags. From court documents, it appears that he was authorised to access these documents, but perhaps not authorised to print them out and carry them home. Surveillance footage apparently showed him removing documents from the Pentagon's Mark Center in Alexandria, Virginia. He was also reported to have renamed and printed a 1,288-page U.S. Air Force manual labelled 'Secret', which he later deleted from the system. The FBI affidavit detailed multiple meetings between Mr. Tellis and Chinese interlocutors between 2022 and 2025, at restaurants in Virginia, close to Washington DC. Documents claim that Mr. Tellis was seen entering a restaurant with a manila envelope and leaving without it, after meeting Chinese contacts.

On another occasion, it is noted that he received a gift bag. If convicted, Mr. Tellis can be in jail for up to 10 years, and be asked to pay fine of up to $250,000.

In the shadow games of strategy, enemies and friends can change abruptly; and yesterday's terrorist can reincarnate as an honourable head of state. Mr. Tellis has been a key amplifier of the China challenge in Washington DC, and in a peak paradox, is now under a cloud of suspicion of Beijing connections.

Taliban's diplomatic front

Amir Khan Muttaqi

The acting Foreign Minister of Afghanistan, who survived the many conflicts of the country over the years, seeks legitimacy for the regime even as repression continues at home

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Visiting the Deoband Darul Uloom during his recent India tour, the Taliban's Foreign Minister, Amir Khan Muttaqi, described the institution as "Madar e Ilmi", or alma mater, which in a way provided a glimpse of Mr. Muttaqi's evolution as a fighter and a diplomat.

Born in 1970 in a Pashtun family in Zarghun village of Helmand province, Amir Khan Muttaqi's life has been intertwined with the history of his conflict-torn country. His family had migrated to Helmand from Paktia. The Afghanistan that he was born into was to change radically even as he started his early education in his village.

Among the waves of Afghans who left their homes after Soviet intervention began in December 1979 were Mr. Muttaqi and his family from Helmand. He shifted to the Afghan refugee camps that had come up near Peshawar, Pakistan. The refugees also provided young fighters for resisting the Soviet invasion and Mr. Muttaqi was one of the teenagers who joined the anti-Soviet jihad of the 1980s, funded by the CIA and guided by Pakistan's ISI. It was during his years as a refugee in Pakistan that the young Pashtun fighter picked up Urdu which he uses today with his Pakistani and Indian interlocutors.

In Peshawar, seven political parties came up in the refugee camps (the Peshawar Seven). Prominent leaders from these groups were Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, Burhanuddin Rabbani, Abdul Rasul Sayyaf, Hazrat Sibghatullah Mojaddedi, Pir Sayed Ahmad Gailani, Maulana Mohammad Nabi Mohammadi, and Mohammed Yunus Khalis. Of them, Maulana Mohammadi and Khalis extended full support to the Taliban when the outfit was launched in the 1990s.

Mr. Muttaqi joined the Islamic Revolutionary Movement of Afghanistan of Maulana Mohammadi, who had also groomed other Taliban leaders such as its founder Mullah Omar. Like Mohammadi before them, Mullah Omar, Mr. Muttaqi, and Hibatullah Akhundzada, the current leader of the Taliban, studied in madrasas that followed the curriculum of Darul Uloom Deoband. It was because of this link Mr. Muttaqi described Deoband as his 'Madar e Ilmi'.

Among all the Taliban commanders, Mr. Muttaqi is known for being a negotiator, a role that was given to him by the late Mullah Omar. Muttaqi is one of the few Taliban leaders who have survived all the violent phases of Afghanistan's recent history. As a young Taliban leader, he became the Minister of Information and Culture and general spokesperson of the Taliban in 1996 when the outfit took power in a chaotic situation.

He was serving as the Minister of Education when the war with the U.S. began in Afghanistan in 2001, following the 9/11 attacks, leading to the overthrow of the first Taliban regime. He survived the most intense phase of violence that continued till negotiation was started with the Taliban during the first term of U.S. President Donald Trump in 2017-18.

Return to Kabul

Mr. Muttaqi was part of the U.S.-Taliban negotiation and was present at the signing of the deal in Doha on February 29, 2020, when the Taliban delegation was led by Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar. Though the deal was opposed by the Ashraf Ghani government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, the Taliban carried out a hybrid war on the ground following the deal and captured Kabul by August 2021. Mr. Muttaqi then became the Foreign Minister.

Ever since, Mr. Muttaqi has travelled to China, Russia, Pakistan, Doha, Dubai, Saudi Arabia, India and other countries.

Over the last four years, the most challenging aspect of Mr. Muttaqi's assignment has been presenting Afghanistan as a rational actor even as it continued to impose its no-education policy on young women, who are also restricted from joining the workforce. Mr. Muttaqi has also carried out a few difficult discussions successfully since taking charge, including the one regarding the release of American hostage Amir Amiri, who was released in September 2025 after President Trump's Special Representative on hostage affairs, Adam Boehler, held discussions with him.

Apart from the conflict with Pakistan, Mr. Muttaqi's biggest challenge continues to be the fact that only Russia has so far given diplomatic recognition to Taliban as the ruler of Afghanistan. It remains to be seen if he can convince other major powers to recognise the Taliban as the de jure rulers of Afghanistan.

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan army chief warns India of 'decisive response' to provocation

AP

Pakistan Army chief Field Marshal Asim Munir warned India of a "decisive response" to even a minor provocation, saying there is no space for war in a "nuclearised environment". Field Marshal Munir alleged India of using terrorism as a weapon, and warned that all "proxies" using Afghan soil would be "raised to dust". PTI

WASHINGTON

Trump commutes sentence of George Santos in fraud case

AP

Disgraced former Republican lawmaker George Santos, who was convicted of committing wire fraud and identity theft, left prison after his sentence was commuted by U.S. President Donald Trump. Santos was sentenced to seven years for stealing campaign donors' identities and using their credit cards, among other charges. AFP

DHAKA

Massive fire at Bangladesh's main airport halts all flight operations

AFP

All flights out of the Bangladeshi capital, Dhaka, have been suspended following a major fire in the cargo terminal at the international airport on Saturday, airport officials said. Thirty-six firefighting units are working to douse the flames, said Fire Service spokesperson Talha bin Zasim. REUTERS

SAN CRISTOBAL

Maduro has offered concessions to ease U.S. tensions, says Trump

AP

U.S. President Donald Trump said on Friday that Venezuelan leader Nicolas Maduro had offered major concessions to ease tensions with Washington and confirmed a new strike on a drug-smuggling vessel. Washington accuses Mr. Maduro of heading a drug cartel and has deployed military assets in the region. AFP

Pakistan to hold talks with Taliban in Doha over cross-border violence

Qatar facilitates dialogue amid escalating Pak.-Afghan border tensions; meeting follows Pak. air strikes in Afghanistan that killed several, including three cricketers; strikes come after TTP-claimed attack in Pakistan's North Waziristan district

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ISLAMABAD/NEW DELHI

The Pakistan government on Saturday confirmed that a high-level delegation led by Pakistan Defence Minister Khawaja Asif will hold talks with representatives of the Afghan Taliban in Doha, where Qatar is facilitating dialogue between the two sides amid rising border tensions.

The meeting, scheduled later in the day, comes amidst Pakistan launching fresh air strikes targeting terrorist hideouts in Afghanistan on Friday, hours after Islamabad and Kabul extended their two-day ceasefire that had temporarily halted hostilities between the two sides.

Afghan relatives offer prayers at the funeral ceremony of victims killed in Pakistani strikes in Paktika province on Saturday. AFP

Three Afghan cricketers were among those killed in the strikes, which followed a terror attack at a military installation in North Waziristan, claimed by Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP).

The negotiations led by Mr. Asif will primarily focus on "immediate measures to end cross-border terrorism emanating from Afghanistan and restore peace and stability along the Pak-Afghan border", the Foreign Office said in a social media post.

Focus on de-escalation

"Pakistan does not seek escalation," it said, urging the Afghan Taliban to address Pakistan's security concerns by taking verifiable action against terrorist entities, including the TTP and BLA (Balochistan Liberation Army)."

Taliban spokesperson Zabiullah Mujahid, in a social media post, said that a high-level delegation of the Islamic Emirate, led by Defence Minister Maulvi Muhammad Yaqub Mujahid, has left for Doha.

According to Afghan sources, Pakistani military has violated Afghanistan's border over 1,200 times and breached its airspace on 710 occasions in the last four years. They said from the beginning of 2024 until now, 102 civilians and Afghan border guards have been killed and 139 others wounded in the attacks.

The situation deteriorated between the two neighbours after repeated terrorist attacks by TTP, allegedly using the Afghan soil, including one in the restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, which claimed lives of 11 military personnel.

Trump again claims India will stop buying Russian oil

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WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump reiterated that India will not be buying oil from Russia, saying that New Delhi has already "de-escalated" and "more or less stopped" its oil purchases from Moscow.

While speaking to the media on Friday, Mr. Trump said, "India will not be buying oil from Russia, they have already de-escalated and they have more or less stopped."

"They are pulling back. They have bought about 38% of the oil, and they won't be doing it any more."

India on Thursday said it is "broad-basing and diversifying" its sourcing of energy to meet market conditions, hours after Mr. Trump claimed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi assured him that New Delhi will stop procuring Russian crude oil.

Donald Trump

Washington has been maintaining that India is helping Vladimir Putin to finance the war through its purchase of Russian crude oil.

The relations between New Delhi and Washington have been reeling under severe stress after Mr. Trump doubled tariffs on Indian goods to a whopping 50%, including a 25% additional duty for India's purchase of Russian crude oil. India described the U.S. action as "unfair, unjustified and unreasonable".

Meanwhile, Mr. Trump has once again repeated his claims about resolving the war between India and Pakistan, adding that Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has said, "I have saved millions of lives."

India has consistently maintained that the understanding on cessation of hostilities with Pakistan was reached following direct talks between the Directors General of Military Operations (DGMOs) of the two militaries.

Iran says restrictions 'terminated' as 2015 nuclear deal expires

Agence France-Presse
TEHRAN

Iran said on Saturday that it was no longer bound by restrictions on its nuclear programme as a landmark 10-year deal between it and world powers expired, though Tehran reiterated its "commitment to diplomacy".

The 2015 deal – signed in Vienna by Iran, China, Britain, France, Germany, Russia and the United States – saw the lifting of international sanctions against the Islamic Republic in exchange for restrictions on its nuclear programme. But Washington unilaterally withdrew from the pact during U.S. President Donald Trump's first term, with Iran later pulling back from its commitments.

From now on, "all of the provisions [of the deal], including the restrictions on the Iranian nuclear programme and the related mechanisms are considered terminated", Iran's Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

"Iran firmly expresses its commitment to diplomacy," it added.

'Make a deal,' Trump tells Zelenskyy as plea for Tomahawk misses mark

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

Donald Trump told Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Friday to make a deal with Russia, pouring cold water on Kyiv's hopes for Tomahawk missiles as the U.S. leader renews a push to settle the war.

Mr. Trump said as recently as last month that he believed Ukraine could take back all its territory – but a day after agreeing to meet Russian President Vladimir Putin for a new summit, the American had changed his tune, though Mr. Zelenskyy did not rule out Mr. Trump changing his mind again in the future.

Status quo: U.S. President Donald Trump with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at the White House on Friday. AP

"Hopefully we'll be able to get the war over with, without thinking about Tomahawks," Mr. Trump told journalists as he hosted Zelenskyy.

"It's good that President Trump didn't say 'no,' but for today, (he) didn't say 'yes'" to providing Kyiv with Tomahawks, Mr. Zelensky said on Friday.

After the meeting, Mr. Trump said on social media that their talks were "very interesting, and cordial, but I told him, as I likewise strongly suggested to President Putin, that it is time to stop the killing, and make a DEAL!"

Mr. Zelenskyy said after the meeting that Russia was "afraid" of the U.S.-made long-range Tomahawk cruise missiles, and that he was "realistic" about receiving the weapons from Washington.

Body of one more hostage identified; 9 killed in Gaza City

Agence France-Presse
GAZA CITY/JERUSALEM

Gaza's civil defence agency said that Israeli forces killed nine members of a single Palestinian family when they fired on a bus on Friday, after the military confirmed it had targeted a vehicle that crossed the so-called "yellow line", the boundary behind which Israeli troops are stationed under the ceasefire agreement with Hamas.

Victims were members of the Abu Shabaan family and were killed while "trying to check on their home" in the Zeitun neighbourhood, as source told *AFP*.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said that the body of a deceased hostage Hamas returned overnight has been identified as 75-year-old Eliyahu Margalit.

The Israeli military "informed the family of the abductee Eliyahu Margalit... that (the body of) their loved one has been returned to Israel and his identification has been completed", Netanyahu's office said in a statement.

Sport

Nakajima nudges two shots clear of Fleetwood

GOLF

Uthra Ganesan
NEW DELHI

Playing a bogey-free round is clearly the ticket to the top at the Delhi Golf Course. On Saturday, Keita Nakajima did it to card a 65 for a three-day total of 199 at the inaugural $4 million DP World India Championship, 17 under par for the course at the end of Day Three and two shots clear of overnight leader Tommy Fleetwood.

Day One leader Shane Lowry was a further shot behind on 202, the common factor between the three being a bogey-free round on their best day. With the weekend rounds reduced to two-ball groups, Nakajima and Lowry were together, while Fleetwood was paired with Brian Harman.

On a roll: Nakajima's seven birdies ensured that he nosed ahead of the field. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

The 25-year old Nakajima, who won the Indian Open last year and was runner-up this year, Fleetwood and Lowry are the only three golfers in action here to stay steady among the top-five in the competition over the first three days.

Nakajima started the day two shots behind Fleetwood, but his round had seven birdies. It included an impressive 10-foot birdie on the very first hole, and he bettered it with a 13-feet one on the fifth before holing a monster 40-feet birdie putt on the par-three 12th.

Fleetwood dropped his only shot of the day on the 17th and made up for it on the final hole, but his three birdies till then to seven by Nakajima made all the difference. The two will be paired for the final round on Sunday, battling to grab the title.

Rory McIlroy, five-way tied 15th on 206, finally appeared to be understanding the course with just one bogey for the round, on the par-4 11th – a hole he has struggled with, having dropped shots on all three days – but while his birdie count remained steady the errors were minimised for a 4-under 68.

Dhruv Sheoran recovered from a disappointing Day Two outing for his best card of the week with a 5-under 67 to be the best-placed Indian at tied 25th, four of his six birdies coming on the back nine. Shiv Kapur and Shubhankar Sharma were at tied 42 three shots behind.

Top scores:

199: Keita Nakajima (Jpn, 65-69-65); **201:** Tommy Fleetwood (Eng, 68-64-69); **202:** Shane Lowry (Ire, 64-69-69); **203:** Jens Dantorp (Swe, 71-67-65), Alex Fitzpatrick (Eng, 69-67-67), Daniel Hillier (Nzl, 69-67-67), Brian Harman (USA, 68-65-70).

Lashka should score in the upper division of the Bold Venture Plate

HYDERABAD: The four-year-old filly Lashka should score over her rivals in the upper division of the Bold Venture Plate, the main event of Sunday's (Oct. 19) races.

1 VENUS DE MILO PLATE (1,400m), 4-y-o and upward, rated upto 25 (Cat. III), 12.40 p.m.: 1. Golden Unicorn (3) P. Sai K 60, 2. City Of Cruise (8) Md. Ekram 59, 3. Bold Indian (7) Mukesh K 58, 4. Muaser (1) P. Ajeeth K 57, 5. Una Paloma Blanca (6) Surya Prakash 57, 6. Battle On (9) Ajay K 56.5, 7. Iconic Star (4) Md. Ismail 53.5, 8. Tupac (2) B. Nikhil 52.5 and 9. Niloufer The Great (5) H.M. Akshay 52.

1. GOLDEN UNICORN, 2. BOLD INDIAN, 3. TUPAC

2 BOLD VENTURE PLATE (Div. II) (1,200m), 3-y-o and upward, rated 80 and above (Cat. I) (no whips), 1.20: 1. One N Only (1) Mukesh K 60, 2. Vivaldo (2) Ashad Asbar 57, 3. Diablo (7) P. Sai K 56, 4. Espionage (6) Kuldeep Sr. 56, 5. Shadow Of The Moon (5) Afroz K 56, 6. Minecraft (4) Rafique Sk. 56, 7. Kingston (3) Abhay Singh 56 and 8. Dali's Destiny (8) G. Naresh 56.

1. DIABLO, 2. ESPIONAGE, 3. VIVALDO

3 RANI RUDRAMA DEVI CUP (1,600m), 4-y-o and upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 2.00: 1. Gloria (5) P. Sai K 60, 2. N R I Ultrapower (3) Akshay K 59.5, 3. Bholi Punjaban (4) Mukesh K 58.5, 4. Fly Tothe Stars (6) Surya Prakash 57, 5. Just Incredible (1) Kuldeep Sr. 54.5, 6. Krystallos (7) P. Ajeeth K 53.5, 7. Lifes Journey (2) G. Naresh 53 and 8. Winning Attitude (8) Afroz K 50.5.

1. N R I ULTRAPOWER, 2. GLORIA, 3. KRYSTALLOS

4 HARD HELD PLATE (1,600m), 3-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 2.40: 1. Bestie (6) Akshay K 60, 2. Crimson Rose (3) B. Nikhil 60, 3. Authoritarian (8) Gaurav 59, 4. Lake Michigan (7) P. Sai K 58.5, 5. Take A Breath (10) Sonu K 58, 6. Nkalanzinzi (5) Surya Prakash 57, 7. Caraxes (4) Rafique Sk. 53.5, 8. Silver Arrow (9) Kuldeep Sr. 52.5, 9. Term Deposit (2) P. Ajeeth K 52.5 and 10. Hoping High (1) Abhay Singh 51.

1. TAKE A BREATH, 2. LAKE MICHIGAN, 3. AUTHORITARIAN

5 KINNERASANI CUP (1,400m), 3-y-o and upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 3.20: 1. Glorious Power (4) Afroz K 60, 2. Miss Smiley Angel (8) Mukesh K 58, 3. Sangreal (10) Ajay K 56, 4. Colt Pistol (2) Sonu K 54.5, 5. Miss Marvellous (6) Md. Ismail 53, 6. Linda (1) P. Sai K 52.5, 7. Shah Of Iran (7) Surya Prakash 52.5, 8. Gold Giver (9) Md. Ekram 52, 9. Pride Aside (3) B. Nikhil 51 and 10. Rolls Royce (5) Abhay Singh 51.

1. COLT PISTOL, 2. MISS SMILEY ANGEL, 3. GLORIOUS POWER

6 BOLD VENTURE PLATE (Div. I) (1,200m), 3-y-o and upward, rated 80 and above (Cat. I) (no whips), 4.00: 1. Ashoka (3) Mukesh K 63, 2. Lashka (1) Akshay K 52.5, 3. Mikimoto (4) B. Nikhil 50, 4. Proud Mary (6) G. Naresh 50, 5. Hurricane Bay (8) Afroz K 50, 6. Encore (5) Nakhat 50, 7. Calista Girl (9) Kuldeep Jr. 50, 8. Star Forever (2) Ajay K 50 and 9. Baisa (7) Kuldeep Sr. 50.

1. LASHKA, 2. ASHOKA, 3. CALISTA GIRL

7 PEDDAPALLI PLATE (1,200m), 4-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 4.40: 1. Swiss Girl (10) Mukesh 60, 2. Cherish The Lady (9) P. Sai K 58.5, 3. Glimmer Of Hope (3) Gaurav 56, 4. Clarity (6) Kuldeep Sr. 54, 5. Cape May (7) Md. Ekram 53, 6. Sadiya (4) H.M. Akshay 52, 7. Blazing Saddle (8) Ajay K 51.5, 8. Most Beautiful (5) Surya Prakash 51.5, 9. Genie (2) Nakhat 51 and 10. Star Cruise (1) Kuldeep Jr. 51.

1. CHERISH THE LADY, 2. CAPE MAY, 3. SWISS GIRL

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HUGE STRIDES

Edwards hails Kranti's rise, says she'll be someone to watch out for

K.R. DEEPAK

Charlotte Edwards hailed Kranti Gaud's meteoric rise. "I met Kranti when I was in Mumbai. She was a net bowler two years ago. To see her rise, now playing for India and performing the way she does… I think India has a very good bowling attack but Kranti had a brilliant English summer and she'll be someone to watch out for," she said.

BRING IT ON

'Challenge of bowling at the death gets Mlaba into a competitive zone'

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She (Nonkululeko Mlaba) was confident. Lefty loves a challenge. I asked her the other day what her favourite phase to bowl was, and she said, probably at the death. She said she really likes it when the batters come at her. It challenges her and gets her into a very competitive zone — South Africa captain Laura Wolvaardt.

STOP-GAP OPTION

Smith to lead Australia in Ashes if Cummins is not fit, confirms Bailey

FILE PHOTO

Steve Smith will lead Australia in this year's Ashes if regular Test skipper Pat Cummins fails to recover from his back injury, selection chair George Bailey confirmed. "If Pat doesn't play, Smudge (Smith) will captain. That's business as usual for us. That formula has worked," Bailey was quoted by *Sydney Morning Herald.*

POLE TO VICTORY

Verstappen wins dramatic US GP sprint as McLarens crash

AFP

Max Verstappen made the most of a first-corner collision between the two McLaren drivers to win Saturday's sprint race at the United States Grand Prix in Austin. He turned his third consecutive sprint pole at the Circuit of the Americas into a third straight sprint win, reducing the gap between him and Piastri to 55 points.

Women in Blue keen to return to winning ways

India has yet to defeat a SENA nation at global events since 2020; England, which is in third spot, has its share of problems with the batting unit barring skipper Sciver-Brunt and Knight

ODI WORLD CUP

Anirudh Velamuri
INDORE

Vital cog: Smriti, seen with coach Muzumdar, holds the key to India's fortunes. R.V. MOORTHY

It's almost funny how two teams with such similar problems find their campaigns in such different places. And this is what will add to the curiosity in the much-awaited Women's World Cup clash between India and England at the Holkar Stadium here on Sunday.

The Women in Blue are battling turbulence after losing two big games – against South Africa and Australia – and will hope a better batting effort propels it to winning ways to avoid relying on complicated mathematics and their opponents to wriggle their way into the knockouts.

India has yet to defeat a SENA nation at global events since 2020. Facing an unbeaten yet imperfect England could be a good chance to rewrite that run, but it will need the sum of its parts and more. The fickle weather further adds to the drama.

Despite being a win away from booking a spot in the knockouts, England's batting unit – besides skipper Nat Sciver-Brunt and Heather Knight – finds itself in dire straits. That said, head coach Charlotte Edwards didn't seem keen on tinkering with the XI.

Impressive swing bowling from Pakistan left the side reeling at 78for seven before a cloudburst saved England's blushes. It was not a one-off, as Bangladesh and Marufa Akter will attest.

India can draw confidence from that. Renuka Singh, who has featured in just one fixture so far, is a potent new-ball option, but whether India will swap out a bowler or move on from its five-bowler strategy remains to be seen.

England's bowlers, meanwhile, have barely put a foot wrong.

With left-arm spinners ruling the roost, England will bank on Sophie Ecclestone and Linsey Smith to replicate what Inoka Ranaweera, Sadia Iqbal, Nonkululeko Mlaba and Sophie Molineux did against the host: make early inroads and unsettle a team that finds itself on the fast lane to panic station.

Focus on Rohit and Kohli as India meets Australia in ODI opener

INDIA IN AUSTRALIA

Press Trust of India
PERTH

Raring to go: Kohli will be hoping to make an impact as he gets ready to take guard again. AFP

Even amid the emotional theme of Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli's return to India fold, Shubman Gill's maiden outing as ODI skipper provides an equally compelling narrative to the first one-dayer against Australia here on Sunday.

Rohit and Kohli are coming back to national colours after playing the Champions Trophy in March.

Rohit has shed a few kilos, and Kohli was sweating it out in London, his new base, with a private trainer.

But the challenge for these two giants is to shake off the accumulated rust post the IPL, their last competitive outing.

In that context, the three-match ODI series can be considered as a barometer of their individual drive and willingness to travel still farther in their careers as one-format players.

But unlike Kohli, Rohit needs to come to terms with his new role of being just a senior player.

It will be fascinating to watch an old rivalry coming to life again as Mitchell Starc and Josh Hazlewood will try to keep the Ro-Ko duo quiet.

Rohit and Kohli will clearly know that they no longer have the immunity of leadership role or luxury of time, as the selectors and team management have no deep remorse in taking some harsh calls with future in mind, particularly the 2027 ODI World Cup.

Future is what Gill is expected to shape.

Now, Gill will have to match the standard set by Rohit as white-ball formats skipper, justly reflected in India's 75% win-ratio under him, highest in the country's ODI history.

The Mitchell Marsh-led Australia offers him a daunting first stop despite the absence of premier pacer Pat Cummins.

On the other hand, the Aussies will hope that the likes of Cooper Connolly, Marnus Labuschagne and Matthew Renshaw can give ample support to Marsh and India's eternal nemesis Travis Head.

The teams (from):
Australia: Mitchell Marsh (Capt.), Xavier Bartlett, Cooper Connolly, Ben Dwarshuis, Nathan Ellis, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Matthew Kuhnemann, Marnus Labuschagne, Mitchell Owen, Josh Philippe, Matthew Renshaw, Matthew Short, Mitchell Starc.
India: Shubman Gill (Capt.), Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer (vice-capt.), Axar Patel, K.L. Rahul (wk), Nitish Kumar, Washington Sundar, Kuldeep Yadav, Harshit Rana, Mohammed Siraj, Arshdeep Singh, Prasidh Krishna, Dhruv Jurel (wk), Yashasvi Jaiswal.
The schedule: ODIs: Oct. 19 (Perth), Oct. 23 (Adelaide) and Oct. 25 (Sydney).
All matches begin at 9 a.m. IST.

Pakistan-NZ contest washed out; SA qualifies

Kavita Menon
COLOMBO

Any confidence Pakistan carried into its Women's ODI World Cup 2025 encounter against New Zealand dissolved almost as swiftly as the rains that interrupted play. And the relentless showers had the final say, forcing a third washout in four matches here at the R. Premadasa Stadium on Saturday.

The washout meant that South Africa became the second team, after Australia, to qualify for the semifinal.

The scores:
Pakistan 92/5 in 25 overs vs New Zealand. **Toss:** New Zealand.
No result.

Today's match

Indore, 3 p.m.

H2H IN ODIs
Played: 79
India 36 | England 41
No Result 2

IN WORLD CUPS
Played: 12
India 4 | England 8

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Plans are in place to tackle unbeaten England: Deepti

Anirudh Velamuri
INDORE

Taking stock: Deepti says the practice sessions were tuned to the conditions and the opponents. FILE PHOTO: RITU RAJ KONWAR

Team set-up, batters' propensity for dot balls, back-to-back defeats and tinkering with the batting order – head coach Amol Muzumdar had to address it all, and some more, after India's defeat to Australia.

The questions continued heading into the all-important clash with England, though Deepti Sharma had an interesting take on why.

"We did not win against Australia, that is why we are facing so many questions. Had we won it, the small issues we have would have been masked. We have full faith in our team; we are backing everyone," she said.

She revealed that the week between games went into drawing plans to tackle an unbeaten England.

"All our practice sessions have involved specific types of bowlers, be it left-arm spinners or off-spinners, tuned to the conditions and the opponent," she said.

Tweakers, specifically the left-armers, have been quite prolific in this World Cup. England head coach Charlotte Edwards said that the decision to field two of them in the tournament was a calculated one.

"We knew left-arm spinners would be effective with the tournament in India. We've got the best in the world in Sophie Ecclestone.

"I think she bowled superbly against Sri Lanka. It'd be great to have her back out performing well."

Charlotte also backed her out-of-form batters, notably Emma Lamb, Sophia Dunkley and Alice Capsey, to come good.

"You can't go off the back of two games. We want to back the batting order that we have selected because that's the one we feel will give us success in these conditions."

Skipper Marsh predicts a high-scoring ODI series

Press Trust of India
PERTH

Australia captain Mitchell Marsh on Saturday said playing in "packed out stadiums" against India which will have Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli back in the ranks will be a "great experience" for his group.

"Had the privilege of playing against them quite a lot over the journey," Marsh told the media talking about playing against Rohit and Kohli.

"They're obviously legends of the game, Virat is the greatest chaser ever in this format. I think you can see by the ticket sales that a lot of people want to come and watch them.

"To see the stadium packed out against India, it's going to be a great experience for our group," he added.

Marsh said the series will be a high-scoring one against India.

"I believe it's going to be a high-scoring affair, but getting through the first 10 overs for both teams will be a challenge and maybe where the game's won and lost," he said.

Australia is likely to hand debuts to Mitchell Owen and Matt Renshaw.

Bayern wins *Der Klassiker*; Arsenal remains on top

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Killer blow: Olise, right, celebrates with teammates after scoring Bayern's second goal. REUTERS

Forward Harry Kane scored once and helped set up another as champion Bayern Munich battled past Borussia Dortmund 2-1 in the *Der Klassiker* on Saturday to maintain its perfect start to the Bundesliga season with its seventh straight win.

The Bavarians had to survive considerable second-half pressure from the visitor before making sure of its 11th win in 11 matches across all competitions this season.

Bayern leads the race with 21 points, five ahead of second-placed RB Leipzig. Dortmund, which suffered its first loss in 10 matches across all competitions, dropped to fourth on 14.

Arsenal moved three points clear at the top of the Premier League as Leandro Trossard sealed a 1-0 win against Fulham.

Belgian forward Trossard bagged his first league goal this season in the second half at Craven Cottage.

Manchester City's 2-0 win against Everton earlier in the day had taken it briefly above Mikel Arteta's side into first place.

In LaLiga, Barcelona took over at the top after a late Ronald Araujo goal gave it a 2-1 win over Girona.

Pedri's 13th minute strike gave it the lead before Alex Witsel equalised in the 20th.

The results: Premier League:
Nottingham Forest 0 lost to Chelsea 3 (Acheampong 49, Neto 52, James 84); Brighton 2 (Welbeck 41, 84) bt Newcastle 1 (Woltemade 76).
Burnley 2 (Ugochukwu 18, Tchaouna 68) bt Leeds United 0.
Crystal Palace 3 (Mateta 64, 69, Mateta 90+7-pen) drew with Bournemouth 3 (Kroupi 7, 38, Christie 89); Manchester City 2 (Haaland 58, 63) bt Everton 0; Sunderland 2(Mukiele 16, Krejci 90+2-og) bt Wolves 0.
Fulham 0 lost to Arsenal 1 (Trossard 58).

LaLiga: Barcelona 2 (Pedri 13, Araujo 90+3) bt Girona 1 (Witsel 20); Sevilla 1 (Vargas 10) lost to Mallorca 3 (Muriqi 67, Joseph 72, 77); Villarreal 2 (Buchanan 44, Moleiro 64) drew with Real Betis 2 (Antony 66, 90+4).

Serie A: Lecce 0 drew with Sassuolo 0; Pisa 0 drew with Verona 0; Torino 1 (Simeone 32) bt Napoli 0

Bundesliga: Heidenheim 2 (Schimmer 67, Foehrenbach 83) drew with Werder Bremen 2 (Grull 50, Stage 69); Cologne 1 (El Mala 76) drew with Augsburg 1 (Rieder 54-pen); Wolfsburg 0 lost to Stuttgart 3 (Tomas 35, Mittelstaedt 55, Stiller 80).

RB Leipzig 2 (Baumgartner 45, 50) bt Hamburg 1 (Sambi Lokonga 48); Mainz 3 (Lee 34, Amiri 71-pen, Sieb 90) lost to Bayer Leverkusen 4 (Grimaldo 11-pen, 45+3, Kofane 24, Terrier 87); Bayern Munich 2 (Kane 22, Olise 78) bt Borussia Dortmund 1 (Brandt 84).

INBRIEF

Jyothi scripts history with World Cup Final bronze

V. Jyothi Surekha Vennam on Saturday became the first Indian woman compound archer to win a medal at the World Cup Final, clinching a bronze with a flawless performance in Nanjing (China). The reigning Asian Games champion was at her imperious best against World No. 2 Ella Gibson of Great Britain, shooting 15 perfect arrows to prevail 150-145 and secure her maiden podium finish in the tournament.

Zoravar shoots World Championship bronze

Zoravar Singh Sandhu finally ended his wait for an ISSF World Championship medal, shooting bronze at the 2025 Shotgun World Championship in Athens. The 48-year old Sandhu, who first participated in the competition 27 years ago, clinched the trap bronze with 31 shots on target in the 50-shot final. Croatia's Josip Glasnovic won gold with 44 hits while Spaniard Andres Garcia won silver with 39. Other Indians, however, disappointed with Vivaan Kapoor 52nd and Bhowneesh Mendiratta 76th in trap while Aashima Ahlawat (40th), Neeru (43rd) and Kirti Gupta (62nd) were ousted early among women.

Anahat bows out in the quarterfinals in Boston

Reigning women's National champion Anahat Singh bowed out in the quarterfinals of the Boston Open $15,000 PSA Challenger event, losing to Egypt's Jana Swaify in a five-game thriller. Anahat went down 11-4, 11-9, 6-11, 3-11, 11-5.

Ahmedabad Defenders hands Mumbai Meteors first loss

Ahmedabad Defenders handed Mumbai Meteors its first loss in the Prime Volleyball League in Hyderabad on Saturday. With the win, the Defenders went up to the second spot in the points table with a 12-15, 15-7, 15-12, 21-20 win. It has 12 points from six matches, while the Meteors slipped to third place.

Bengaluru Bulls cruises to win against Dabang Delhi

Bengaluru Bulls confirmed its place in the top eight with a 33-23 win against Dabang Delhi in a PKL-12 match in New Delhi on Saturday. Alireza Mirzaian notched another Super 10, also registering the most raid points by an overseas player in a PKL Season. The win helped the Bulls move to third place on the points table.

Hyderabad FC is now Sporting Club Delhi

Jindal Football Private Limited, owned by BC Jindal Group, announced its foray into the Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR) with the launch of Sporting Club Delhi with the AIFF Super Cup marking the team's team competitive debut. The club is a rebranded and relocated version of the erstwhile ISL winner Hyderabad FC, for which JFPL, incorporated in 2024, had acquired the sporting licence ahead of the 2024-25 season.

First New Zealand-England T20I abandoned due to rain

The first T20 International between New Zealand and England was abandoned on Saturday after rain prevented the tourist from defending a score of 153 for six. Rain arrived just after an unbeaten 49 from Sam Curran had lifted England to a competitive score off 20 overs on an unpredictable pitch. New Zealand's batters never got a chance to chase.

The scores: England 153/6 in 20 overs (Sam Curran 49 n.o.) vs New Zealand. *No result.*

Gritty Gajjar and Gohel secure draw for Saurashtra against Karnataka

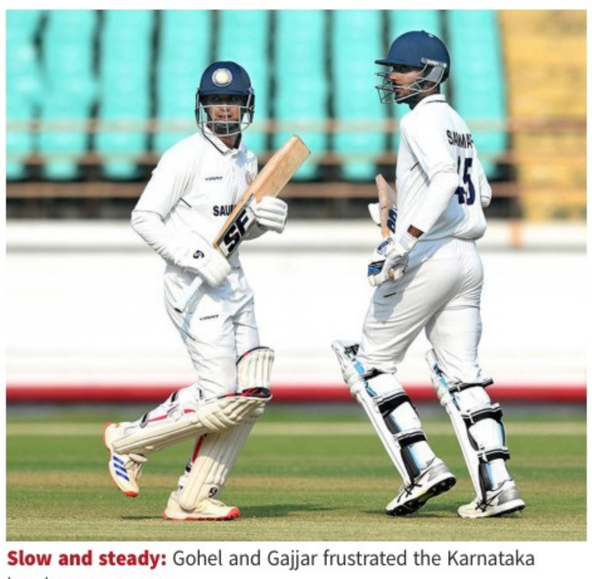
The duo's fifth-wicket stand helps home team overcome early setbacks; Jadeja, Dodiya take three each to bowl out visitors for 232 in second innings

RANJI TROPHY

Tarun Shastry
RAJKOT

In cricket, it's never truly over until the final delivery is bowled, the final run is scored, and the final wicket is taken. The Niranjan Shah Stadium bore witness to that on the final day of the Ranji Trophy Group B clash here on Saturday.

Saurashtra – staring down the barrel – survived a spirited fightback from Karnataka, thanks to a resolute blockathon from Sammar Gajjar and Jay Gohel, to walk away with a draw. Chasing a tricky 229 on a deteriorating surface, after the visiting team was bowled for 232 in the second essay, openers Harvik Desai and Chirag Jani began with purpose like they did in the first innings.



Slow and steady: Gohel and Gajjar frustrated the Karnataka bowlers. VIJAY SONEJI

But with Shreyas Gopal's introduction in the eighth over, the home side was pushed onto the backfoot in a flash – he first dismissed Harvik and then Chirag with a delivery that kept low.

Ansh Gosai fell soon after to another low delivery from Shreyas that crashed into the stumps, creating mild panic in the Saurashtra ranks. Shikhar Shetty removed Arpit Vasavada cheaply, leaving the opponent in trouble at 43 for four at tea.

Gajjar and Gohel consolidated with sensible batting. Despite the pressure from the spinners, the pair stood firm and frustrated the visiting team with a 81-run fifth-wicket stand. Given the situation, it was as good as a win.

Earlier, Saurashtra struck early when skipper and birthday boy Jaydev Unadkat sent back Devdutt Padikkal in the third over. Karun Nair and R. Smaran followed soon after, the former to Dharmendra Jadeja and the latter to Unadkat.

Mayank Agarwal and K.L. Shrijith steadied the innings with a 40-run association, before the former became Jadeja's second victim.

Shreyas and Shrijith followed soon after, both falling to Yuvrajsinh Dodiya. When Shikhar Shetty left, Karnataka was struggling at 180 for eight. However, a 51-run ninth-wicket alliance between M. Venkatesh and Mohsin Khan helped the visitors post a competitive total. But it was Saurashtra which walked away with the honours in a contest that was gripping from day one.

The scores: Karnataka — 1st innings: 372.

Saurashtra — 1st innings: 376.

Karnataka — 2nd innings: S.J. Nikin Jose lbw b Sammar 34, Mayank Agarwal c Prerak b Jadeja 64, Devdutt Padikkal c Harvik b Unadkat 19, Karun Nair lbw b Jadeja 8, R. Smaran c Prerak b Unadkat 10, K.L. Shrijith lbw b Dodiya 31, Shreyas Gopal c Ansh b Dodiya 3, Shikhar Shetty b Jadeja 3, M. Venkatesh c Vasavada b Dodiya 28, Mohsin Khan st. Harvik b Gajjar 17, Abhilash Shetty (not out) 1; Extras: (b-12, lb-2): 14; Total (in 74.2 overs): 232.

Fall of wickets: 1-52, 2-96, 3-111, 4-124, 5-164, 6-169, 7-176, 8-180, 9-231.

Saurashtra bowling: Jadeja 28-7-79-3, Unadkat 14-2-49-2, Dodiya 15.2-3-40-3, Sakariya 8-0-25-0, Gajjar 8-1-25-2, Ansh 1-1-0-0.

Saurashtra — 2nd innings: Harvik Desai c Abhilash b Shreyas 13, Chirag Jani b Shreyas 15, Sammar Gajjar (not out) 43, Ansh Gosai b Shreyas 2, Arpit Vasavada c (sub) Aneesh b Shikhar 2, Jay Gohel lbw b Mohsin 41, Prerak Mankad (not out) 4; Extras: (b-4, lb-4): 8; Total (for five wkts. in 43 overs): 128.

Fall of wickets: 1-21, 2-36, 3-40, 4-43, 5-124.

Karnataka bowling: Abhilash 3-1-2-0, Shikhar 15-4-40-1, Shreyas 15-1-43-3, Mohsin 9-2-30-1, Venkatesh 1-0-5-0.

RANJI SCORES — ROUND 1 (FOURTH AND FINAL DAY)

Elite: Group A: At Kanpur: Andhra 470 drew with Uttar Pradesh 471/8 in 169 overs (Madhav Kaushik 54, Aryan Juyal 66, Rinku Singh 165 n.o., Vipraj Nigam 42).
Points: UP 3, Andhra 1.
Coimbatore: Jharkhand 419 bt Tamil Nadu 93 & 212 in 79 overs (C. Andre Siddarth 80, Rishav Raj 4/49). **Jharkhand 7, TN 0.**
Cuttack: Odisha 271 & 174 in 59.3 overs (Subhranshu Senapati 59 n.o., Mahesh Pithiya 6/63) lost to Baroda 413/7 decl. in 146 overs (Shivalik Sharma 124, Sukirt Pandey 71, Mitesh Patel 100 n.o., Rasikh Salam 45 n.o.) & 36/3 in 7.4 overs. **Baroda 6, Odisha 0.**
Group B: Rajkot: Karnataka 372 & 232 in 74.2 overs (Mayank Agarwal 64) drew with Saurashtra 376 & 128/5 in 43 overs (Sammar Gajjar 43 n.o., Jay Gohil 41).
Saurashtra 3, Karnataka 1.
Thiruvananthapuram: Maharashtra 239 & 224/2 in 71 overs (Prithvi Shaw 75, Siddhesh Veer 55 n.o., Ruturaj Gaikwad 55 n.o.) drew with Kerala 219.
Maharashtra 3, Kerala 1.
Porvorim: Goa 566 bt Chandigarh 137 & 354 in 91.4 overs (Arjun Azad 141, Ankit Kaushik 82, Darshan Misal 5/124).
Goa 7, Chandigarh 0.
Indore: Punjab 232 & 143/5 in 63.2 overs drew with Madhya Pradesh 519/8 decl. in 146 overs (Himanshu Mantri 40, Shubham Sharma 41, Rajat Patidar 205 n.o., Venkatesh Iyer 73, Arshad Khan 60 n.o., Prerit Dutta 4/145).
MP 3, Punjab 1.
Group C: Kolkata: Uttarakhand 213 & 265 in 96.4 overs (Prashant Chopra 82, Kunal Chandela 72, Mohammed Shami 4/38) lost to Bengal 323 & 156/2 in 29.3 overs (Abhimanyu Easwaran 71 n.o., Sudip Kumar Gharami 46).
Bengal 6, Uttarakhand 0.
Ahmedabad: Assam 310 & 192/6 in 82 overs (Mukhtar Hussain 44, Swarupam Purkayastha 44 n.o.) drew with Gujarat 382.
Gujarat 3, Assam 1.
Delhi: Services 359 bt Tripura 176 & 163 in 50.4 overs (Arjun Sharma 5/42). **Services 7, Tripura 0.**
Group D: Hyderabad: Delhi 529/4 decl. & 138/3 in 42 overs (Sanat Sangwan 56, Yash Dhull 53) drew with Hyderabad 411 in 112.2 overs (Tanmay Agarwal 132, Aniketh Reddy 87, Aelgani Varun Goud 57, Rahul Radesh 46, Ayush Badoni 6/73).
Delhi 3, Hyderabad 1.
Rajsamand: Chhattisgarh 332 & 109 in 49.3 overs (Manav Suthar 8/42) lost to Rajasthan 386 & 58/1 in 11.1 overs.
Rajasthan 6, Chhattisgarh 0.
Srinagar: Mumbai 386 & 181 bt Jammu & Kashmir 325 & 207 in 64.4 overs (Qamran Iqbal 56, Shams Mulani 7/46).
Mumbai 6, J&K 0.
Puducherry: Himachal Pradesh 305 & 91/4 in 17 overs drew with Pondicherry 183.
HP 3, Pondicherry 1.
Plate: Rangpo: Sikkim 308 & 329/6 in 107.5 overs (Arun Chettri 41, Ashish Thapa 45, Gurinder Singh 100 n.o., Kranthi Kumar 63 n.o.) drew with Manipur 340.
Manipur 3, Sikkim 1.
Shillong: Meghalaya vs Mizoram (match abandoned).
Meghalaya 1, Mizoram 1.

Rinku (U.P., 165 n.o.). FILE PHOTO: VIVEK BENDRE

Tanvi outclasses Liu, moves into World Juniors final

BADMINTON

Nihit Sachdeva
GUWAHATI

The decibel levels at the National Centre of Excellence (NCE) rose in sync with the music beats, but one spectator could barely look at the action unfolding on the Centre Court.

As Tanvi Sharma inched closer to the finish line in her BWF World Junior Championships semifinal, Meena, the 16-year-old Indian's mother, took the Saturday crowd's reaction as a cue to stop staring at her mobile screen and check the score.

Seated with a clinched fist in the upper tier, the parent decided against following the routine and watched as Tanvi served for the match. The 11-shot rally ended with the attempted down-the-line smash from China's Liu Si Ya, Tanvi's opponent, only finding the net.

A relieved Meena could finally afford to smile. The proud mother stood up and joined the rest of the spectators in applauding Tanvi as she completed a comprehensive 15-11, 15-9 win to become only the fifth Indian to reach a World Juniors final – joining an elite list that includes Aparna Popat (1996 runner-up), Saina Nehwal (2006 runner-up and 2008 champion), Siril Verma (2015 runner-up), and Sankar Muthusamy (2022 runner-up).

History beckons: Tanvi would look to sustain momentum against Anyapat on Sunday as expectations rise. RITURAJ KONWAR

A day after her come-from-behind win over Japan's Saki Matsumoto in an exhausting 47-minute battle, the top-seeded Indian needed only 31 minutes to take down the Asian Junior Championships silver medallist.

Against Liu, Tanvi wreaked havoc with her smashes, beginning from a cross-court winner at 2-3 in the opener. At 4-3, she fired one down the line before unleashing another cross-court one at 6-3. The Chinese player was also subjected to multiple sharp drop shots and effective net kills.

Leading 12-4 in the second game, Tanvi netted a relatively simple tap followed by a few more errors.

However, she got back on track with another smash down the line at 12-8 and soon generated five match points.

On Sunday, Tanvi will be up against second-seeded Thai shuttler Anyapat Phichitpreechasak as she looks to emulate Saina (Pune, 2008) and win a gold on home soil.

Chennaiyin appoints Miranda as head coach

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CHENNAI

Indian Super League (ISL) side Chennaiyin FC has appointed former India midfielder Clifford Miranda as its new head coach, the club said on Saturday.

The 43-year-old, who served as India men's U-23 coach briefly in 2023, will become the first Indian full-time head coach of the club. The Goan succeeds Scotsman Owen Coyle who left the club in July. He had worked as assistant coach of FC Goa, Odisha FC, Mohun Bagan Super Giant and Mumbai City in the past.

Satwik-Chirag exit after semifinal loss

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ODENSE

India's Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty fell agonisingly short of a final berth, going down to Japan's Takuro Hoki and Yugo Kobayashi 21-23, 21-18, 16-21 in a 68-minute men's doubles clash at the Denmark Open Super 750 badminton in Odensk, Denmark, on Saturday.

Rishad claims six-for as Bangladesh beats WI

Top show: Rishad came up with a career-best performance. AFP

Associated Press
MIRPUR

Leg-spinner Rishad Hossain claimed a career-best six for 35 as Bangladesh crushed West Indies by 74 runs on Saturday in the opening ODI.

Rishad helped bundle out the West Indies for 133 in 39 overs in a chase of 208. Earlier, Rishad had hit a 13 ball-26 to help Bangladesh post 207 before being all out in 49.4 overs.

The scores: Bangladesh 207 in 49.4 overs (Towhid Hridoy 51, Mahidul Islam 46, Jayden Seales 3/48) bt West Indies 133 in 39 overs (Brandon King 44, Risahd Hossain 6/35). **Toss:** WI. **PoM:** Rishad.

Australia dashes India's hopes in the final

HOCKEY

Press Trust of India
JOHOR BAHRU

Ian Grobbelaar struck twice, including a penalty corner in the dying minutes, as Australia beat India 2-1 to win its third Sultan of Johor Cup under-21 hockey title on Saturday.

Grobbelaar opened the scoring in the 13th minute with a perfectly executed drag flick. Three-time champion India responded in the second quarter through Anmol Ekka, who converted a penalty corner in the 17th to make it 1-1.

With just two minutes remaining, Grobbelaar struck his second goal off a penalty corner.

KARNATAKA ROUND UP

Karnataka asks Railways to follow on

BENGALURU: Karnataka enforced the follow on against Railways on the third day of their BCCI Col C.K. Nayudu Trophy under-23 match at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Saturday.

The scores:

Karnataka 529/7 decl. in 135.4 overs vs. Railways 186 in 81 overs (Abhishek Kaushal 73, Garv Sangwan 42, Hardik Raj 3/37) & 41 for no loss in 10.1 overs (Anchit Yadav 31 batting).

Niranjan is Bangalore City XI's hero

Niranjan Ashok (142 n.o. and 37 n.o.) starred for Bangalore City XI against Mangalore Zone in the KSCA under-16 inter-zonal tournament here.

The scores: Bangalore City XI 275/5 in 90 overs (Niranjan Ashok 142 n.o., Abhinav Kulkarni 38, Vedant Shaurya 40) and 67/1 in 20 overs (Niranjan Ashok 37 n.o.) drew with Mangalore Zone 214 in 68 overs (S.N. Avaneesha 45, Tonse Shiek 42, Yeshas Gowda 37, Shrish Khan 3/19, Ajay Kumara 4/54).

Vice President's XI 211/6 in 90 overs (P.M. Vismai 34, Sanjit Sathish 65 n.o.) and 97/1 in 23 overs (Ekansh Roul 38 n.o., Syaamantak Anirudh 49 n.o.) drew with Mysore Zone 123 in 58.1 overs (Aarav Bajaj 4/44, Jayanth Abhiram 3/14).

Shivamogga Zone 165 in 73.5 overs (A. Rohan 55, T.G. Guruprasad 33, Om Agarwalla 4/33, Arjun Balu 4/24) and 88/5 in 31.3 overs (A. Rohan 30, C. Chethan 3/23) drew with Secretary's XI 134 in 59 overs (D.R. Gagan 3/30, A.M. Gokul 3/17).

Dharwad Zone 167 in 86 overs (Pruthviraj Golihalli 36, Harishitgoud Totad 54, Suvik Gill 5/16) drew with Bangalore Zone 216/8 in 72.5 overs (Aditya Jha 88, Rafa Poonacha 42, Joshua Konnur 4/63, Harsha Shanke 4/35).

Raichur Zone 66 in 31 overs (Hamza Shaik 3/24) and 70 in 25 overs (K.C. Veeresh 7/25) lost to Tumkur Zone 98 in 47.5 overs (Yashkumar Nishad 3/32, Chetan Rangraj 3/11) and 39/3 in 9.4 overs.

President's XI 143 in 64.4 overs (Akshaj Kathuria 79 n.o., Vikram 30, Manish Patil 4/28, Atharv Deshpande 3/22) drew with Combined City XI 105/8 in 48.2 overs (Atharv Deshpande 32 n.o., Eshan Manigandan 3/18, Vikram 3/24).

LIVE TELECAST

Australia vs India: 1st ODI, Star Sports 2 & JioHotstar, 9 a.m.
Women's ODI World Cup: India vs England, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 3 p.m.
PVL: Sony Sports Ten 1 (SD & HD) & LIV, 6.30 p.m.
PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Formula One: United States GP, F1 TV, F1 TV Pro App & FanCode, 12.30 a.m. (Monday)